

Columbia United Church Of Christ

May 12, 2019
Faithful Disciples– Lydia



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CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

Columbia United Church of Christ celebrates God's boundless and unconditional love by intentionally welcoming and affirming all God's children.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey;
No matter where you are on your faith journey;
No matter your sexual orientation, gender expression or identity;
No matter your race, culture, ethnicity, nationality or politics;
No matter your age, ability, health, relationship status or family structure;
No matter your social, economic, educational, legal or life circumstances;
You are welcome here!

Called by Jesus to be an Open and Affirming, inclusive faith community, Columbia United Church of Christ commits to welcoming everyone into the full life of our congregation. Our paths and voices may differ, but we journey in faith together.

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10:30 Worship

“Lydia”

**indicates that all are invited to stand, if comfortably able*

“...may God be gracious to us and bless us...

May God’s face shine upon us...

That God’s ways may be known upon all the earth;

God’s saving power among all the nations...” -Psalm 67:1-2

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

Amy Crousore

“Gigue”

JS Bach

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Megan Schoeneberg

*Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 67)*

Mahree Skala

God’s grace is our delight;

God’s blessings are showered upon us!

God’s face shines upon us,

Showing us the way and bringing us Salvation.

Let the people shout praises to God!

Let all the people praise God!

God has brought us great joy,

Bringing us equity and guidance.

The earth brings forth bounty and beauty

All of Creation reflects God’s diversity and glory.

Let all the people praise God!

All of Creation joins together proclaiming God’s glory!

Come, let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn “For the Beauty of the Earth”

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*Opening Prayer

Mahree Skala

Creative God; like a mother, you guide us; showering us with love and inspiring us to live into our fullest potential. Like a mother, you give us unconditional love, accepting us and affirming us and embracing us no matter what. Forgive us for the times when we forget the lessons of your love. Teach us to embrace the possibilities you offer us and have confidence in your call; that we, like Lydia, may serve you fully. In Jesus’ name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Paul brought the Good News of Jesus' life and ministry to Lydia, and her whole household was transformed. That same grace is ours to embrace as well. In the name of Jesus, we are all blessed and affirmed; sent forth to share the Good News with all. Alleluia!

*Prayer Response "LORD, Listen to Your Children Praying"

LORD, listen to your children praying!

LORD, send your Spirit in this place!

LORD, listen to your children praying!

Send us Love, send us power, send us grace!

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

*At this time, you are invited to greet one another
with a hug or a handshake and the words,
"May God's Peace be with you!"*

Children's Time

"This Little Light of Mine"

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(Sung as children return to their seats)

Anthem

Youth Choir with Hazel Keithahn, violin

"In a Mother's Heart"

Thomas Keesecker

Mission Moment

"PET- Mobility Worldwide"

Lloyd Viehland

The CUCC Outreach and Advocacy Ministry Team has selected "Mobility Worldwide" (the PET Project) as our mission focus for this quarter. We are focusing on Mobility Worldwide and the way they serve God's children by providing Mobility Assistance to those in need in developing countries. Mobility Worldwide started here in Columbia in 1994, and is now an International Organization. Now in their 25th year, Mobility Worldwide has distributed more than 80,000 PETs around the world.

Our Goal between now and May 19, is to raise \$3600 to provide 12 PETs for those in need. You can contribute using the envelopes in today's bulletin, scanning the QR code above and selecting "Mobility Worldwide" from the dropdown menu, or by texting "GIVE" to 573.240.4041 and following the prompts



New Testament Lesson:

Acts 16:1-5, 9-10, 13-15

Mahree Skala

Paul, sharing the Good News of Jesus recruits Timothy and Lydia to become followers of Jesus. They devote themselves to Paul's mission and Christ's message and become two of the more influential disciples in the Greek World. When Lydia converts to Christianity, her whole household also follows her lead.

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Interpretive Dance “Vision” *Hildegard Von Bingen*
Dancers: Lillyann Lentz, Roselynn Lentz, Maia Marienfeld,
Sofia Marienfeld, Raelyn Zimny
Choreographed by: Katie Marienfeld

Gospel Lesson: John 14:25-29 Mahree Skala
At the Last Supper, after giving his disciples the command to love one another, Jesus tells them that the Holy Spirit will fill them with power and authority to do all things in God’s name and the courage to spread his ministry to all the earth. He promises them Peace that cannot be understood in a worldly context.
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Sermon “Faithful to the Lord” Pastor Rick

*Meditation Hymn “God of the Women” *by Carolyn Gillette*
(Tune: “Be Now My Vision”)
ushers will collect prayer request cards during hymn

**God of the women who answered your call,
Trusting your promises, giving their all
Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth;
Give us their courage to live in your truth.**

**God of the women who ran from the tomb,
Prayed with the others in that Upper Room,
Then felt your Spirit on Pentecost Day;
May we so gladly proclaim you today.**

**God of the women who walked Jesus’ Way,
Giving their resources, learning to pray;
Mary, Joanna, and Lydia and more;
May we give freely as they did before.**

Community Prayer & Silent Prayer

The LORD’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response “Grant Us Peace”
**Hear our Prayer, O Lord!
Hear our prayer, O Lord!
Hear our Prayer, O Lord!
And Grant us Thy Peace! A-men!**

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Presenting our Gifts

Amy Crousore
John Carter

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

To give online text “GIVE” to 573.240.4041 and follow the prompts
You can also give online by visiting our website: www.columbiaucc.com

*Response

“Thanks Be to God”

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**For the Fruits of all Creation, thanks be to God!
For God’s gifts to every nation, thanks be to God!
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God!**

*Prayer of Dedication

Mahree Skala

**God of Hope; we give these gifts to you today seeking
transformation in your world. We pray that these gifts will be used
to spread your message of hope to those who feel hopeless; joy to
those who do not feel your joy; and grace to those in need. Take
these gifts and share them will all, transforming this world into a
community more reflective of your Kingdom. Amen.**

*Closing Hymn

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

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*Benediction

Pastor Rick

*Response:

“Let There be Peace on Earth”

**Let there be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with me!
Let there be Peace on Earth; the Peace that was meant to be!
With God our Creator, Children all are we!
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony!
Let Peace begin with me; let this be the moment now!
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!**

*Postlude

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Amy Crousore
Hal Hopson

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“United in Christ’s Love, A Just World for All”

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Pat Forward & Audrey Lasley
Ushers: Charlie Marcks & Brent Marcks
Sound Booth: John Graves
Worship Leader: Mahree Skala
Hospitality: Doug Privitt
Acolyte: Megan Schoeneberg

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: John & Brenda Muench
Ushers: Hugo Wilmsmeyer & Llona Weiss
Sound Booth: Jamie Rapp
Worship Leader: Matt Lucas
Hospitality: Helen Schultz
Acolyte: Kennedy Lucas



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WELCOME GUESTS! If you are a guest visiting with us this morning, please fill out a green card found in your chair pocket; and be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Rick! We would love to get to know you better!

NAMETAGS We strive to be a friendly and welcoming church! Members and frequent guests, please wear your nametag each Sunday so we can greet each other most effectively and become an even friendlier church!

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BIBLE STUDY– BOOK OF ACTS

Pastor Rick will be leading a 5-week Bible Study on the Book of Acts Wednesday evenings in the month of May. Join us in the Middle High/Confirmation Room upstairs each Wednesday at 6:00pm for a look at Acts!

LUNCH BUNCH THURSDAY 5/23 AT NOON

The CUCC Lunch Bunch will host their last gathering of this season on Thursday, May 23 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. They will be hosting a group of physicians who will be talking about the high cost of prescription medications and what we can do to in response to that high cost. CUCC Lunch Bunch will take June and July off; then return August 22 with Rev. Sally Robertson as the guest speaker. Bring a dish to share and enjoy food and fellowship with this group!

LODO GRADUATION 5/23

Our LODO preschool will celebrate the end of the year on May 23 at 6:30pm in the CUCC Sanctuary as the 5 year old class graduates and prepares to head off to kindergarten. Come celebrate this great ministry of the church by attending the LODO Graduation! All are welcome.

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Sun	5/12	<i>Mother’s Day/Interpretive Dance in Worship</i> Men’s Breakfast at Hy-Vee Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship	7:30am 9:00am 9:30am 10:30am
Mon	5/13	Staff Meeting Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team	12:00pm 6:30pm
Tue	5/14	Quilters Pastor Rick leads worship at The Bluffs Food Bank Music & Worship Ministry Team	9:00am 10:00am 6:00pm 6:30pm
Wed	5/15	Bible Study– The Book of Acts Chapel Ringers/Celebration Singers Confirmation	6:00pm 6:30pm/7:30pm 7:00pm
Thu	5/16	CUCC Inclusion Team	6:30pm
Sun	5/19	<i>Vincent Veteto Baptism</i> Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship	9:00am 9:30am 10:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The community of Highlands Ranch, Colorado... victims of violence
Friends involved in car accident... for healing (Mindy Trout's friends)

The family of Steven Bailot... on their loss (Kim Oberle's cousin)

The Family of Rev. Paul Porter and the Congregation of Eden UCC,
Affton MO... on their loss (Pastor Rick & Kim's home church)

Blessings for a new great-grandson in NICU and for his parents (5/5)

Those killed or hurt in the Easter Day Sri Lanka explosions (4/21)

Those killed or hurt at UNC- Charlotte... victims of violence (4/28)

Our church... as we discern next steps as an ONA congregation

Harold Hackman... anticipating knee replacement in June

Sue Beckman... living with cancer; anticipating next steps

Dale Gregory; Christine Mseke, Bea Gordon;

Gary Ehrhardt; Lasley Family; Margaret Abbott;

Amy Koerkenmeyer & the Malicoat Family; Remeika/Johnson family

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Sylvia Mosberger;

Nathan Schnell (Isaiah's friend); Christie O'Very;

Janet Shepard; Kathy Kindrick;

Pregnancies in our church family:

Erin & Levi Markway

Nancy Liang & Corey Grace

Serving us in the military:

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson

James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)

Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends)

Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Monica Liddle, serving in East Timor

2019 Confirmation Class:

Noah Bredehoeft; Ember Piersee;

Andie Rapp; Ryan Schoeneberg; Sophie Schupp