

Columbia United Church Of Christ



August 11, 2024

“Walking With God”



CUCC

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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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9:30 a.m.

"Truth"

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

*"... Out of the depths I cry out to you O LORD,
LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my
supplications!" -Psalm 13:1-2*

Welcome and Greetings

Shelly Adams

Prelude

"The Heavens Are Telling"

Steve Jannetti

Ludwig van Beethoven

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 130)

Rev. Mike Williams

Out of the depths of despair, we cry out to You, O God;
God, hear our voices and listen with attentive ears!

**We know that God does not hold our trespasses against us;
God forgives all our sins of separation!**

God, we wait for Your assurance and deliverance;
Our souls wait for You; and in You, we have hope.

**Our souls yearn for God;
Even more than those who watch for the morning;
Even more than those who watch for the morning!**

God, we trust in Your Steadfast Love;
We trust in Your great power to redeem us!

**We place our hope in God's promises!
We trust in God's Steadfast Love!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Hymn

"Praise to the Living God"

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*Opening Prayer

Rev. Mike Williams

God of grace and mercy, we bring all of ourselves to You this morning. We bring with us all our lives - those things that bring us happiness and joy, and those that evoke fear and worry in us. We are eager to feel Your presence with us, and to feel Your loving, healing touch. Help us to still our minds and open our hearts so that we may feel Your Spirit moving among us. In the name of Jesus Christ, the bread of life, we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Shelly Adams

Friends, our God has reconciled us through Christ. Rather than counting our trespasses, God has reconciled the world, extending the promise of new life. Hear the Good News! By the redemptive, unconditional, and extravagant love of God through Christ, we are forgiven, welcomed into beloved community, and called to extend God's love to all we meet.

*Prayer Response

“Weave”

*Weave, weave, weave us together!
Weave us together in Unity and Love.
Weave, weave, weave us together!
Weave us together; together in love.*

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

Shelly Adams

May God's Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Children's Time

Shelly Adams

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”
(Sung as children return to their seats)

*I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back, no turning back!*

Faith Sharing Moment

“The CROP Walk”

Jessica Jenks

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Rev. Mike Williams

In this letter to the Christian Church in Ephesus, Paul gives his followers clear instructions on how to be Christian in a pluralistic community. He implores them to forgive one another. He challenges them to deal with anger issues, put aside bitterness and wrath, be kind to one another and walk in love.
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Gospel Lesson

John 6:35,41-51

Rev. Mike Williams

The author of the Gospel attributed to John tells us that as Jesus begins making his “I am” claims (“I am the bread of life,” etc.) the religious authorities begin to complain that he was claiming too much divinity. Jesus challenges them to look for the divinity present in the world every day, and stop their complaining.
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Anthem

“Amazing Grace ”

Bomi Kim
arr. Bomi Kim

Sermon

“Telling the Truth”

Shelly Adams

*Hymn

“We Worship You, God”

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Community Prayer & Silent Prayer

Shelly Adams

The LORD’s Prayer

In an effort to encourage inclusion, we suggest using the address “Creator God” in our unison recitation of The Lord’s Prayer. You are certainly welcome to say “Our Father” instead of “Creator,” “Trespases” instead of “debts,” or “Thy” instead of “Your” if you prefer.

Creator God in Heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Shelly Adams

Invitation to the Offering

To give online text “GIVE” to 573.240.4041

You can also give online by visiting our website: www.columbiaucc.com

Offertory

“Sicilienne”

Steve Jannetti

Daniel Turk

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Mike Williams

God of love, You are the giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings that we may walk in the path of Jesus the Christ, seeking justice, loving all of creation, and building beloved community everywhere we go. Amen.

*Benediction

Shelly Adams

*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

“Rigaudon”

Steve Jannetti

George F. Handel

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024
STEPHENS LAKE PARK – GORDON SHELTER
1:00 P.M. REGISTRATION | 1:30 P.M. WELCOME AND
STEPOFF | 1:45-3:00 P.M. WALK
NEW - 3:00-3:45 P.M. MUSICAL SHOWCASE

“BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES” is the theme of this year’s CROP Hunger Walk. For 29 years, the Columbia CROP Walk has provided another opportunity for our community to respond to the needs of the poor, the hungry, the unemployed and those dealing with disaster, both locally and around the world.

Four Columbia ministries that provide hunger relief will receive 25% of the money donated. They are: Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen, Russell Chapel Community Food Pantry, Destiny Worship Center Food Pantry and Fifth Street Christian Church “Feed the Community” Program. In 2023 these programs received over \$6,200 from the CROP Walk. Church World Service (CWS) receives 75% of the donations. CWS is a collaborative ministry of 30 faith organizations, working to provide customized, innovative and sustainable solutions to hunger and poverty in the USA and around the world.

As in past years, all locations of Shakespeare Pizza will donate 15% of all sales on Walk Day. Now that’s a good excuse to eat pizza, put a few in the freezer and buy gift cards for your early holiday shopping!

The inaugural Cross Missouri CROP Walk was a great success last year. Don Harter, a member of Broadway Christian Church, walked from Columbia to St. Louis and Columbia to Kansas City to promote the CROP Hunger Walk. Don is organizing a walk again this year AND adding a bike ride. If this is something you would be interested in exploring, please contact Don at HarterD@missouri.edu or call 573-443-3258.

THE 2024 CROP HUNGER WALK HAS FOUR GOALS: 1) Collect \$26,000; 2) have 125 walkers; 3) together have a tally of 800 miles walked; and 4) collect at least 250 cans of food.

For these last 29 years, CUCC has been an avid supporter of the CROP Hunger Walk. The goal this year is \$4,000. How can you help achieve this goal? Donations can also be made through Kindred Giving on CUCC website or by check in the Sunday offering or to the church office. Donations can also be made on CROP Walk Day at the event. Want to do more? At the same website, you can join a team or create a team of your own. Then contact family, friends, coworkers, neighbors, etc. asking for support of the CROP Walk.

Mark your calendar for September 15 to lace up your shoes and join us for a walk to help in BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES one step at a time through the 2024 COLUMBIA CROP HUNGER WALK.

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Rev. Mike Williams
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Greeters:	Carol Duermeyer
Technology:	Mike Pierson
Hospitality:	Mary Lorber
Council Stewards:	Mary Lorber

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Llona Weiss
Ushers:	Phillip Neale & Lloyd Viehland
Greeters:	Donna Marsh
Technology:	Brent Marcks & Lorry Dreier
Hospitality:	Jedd Schneider & Mark Duncan
Council Stewards:	Jedd Schneider & Mark Duncan



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NURSERY CARE is available for children in kindergarten and younger in room #201 in the educational wing. If you need help finding it, ask an usher!

SUMMER BOOK STUDY CONCLUDES TODAY

Shelly Adams is leading a summer book study after worship for four Sundays, concluding today. The book is, "Green Faith: Mobilizing God's People to Save the Earth" by Fletcher Harper. Even if you have not read the book, stick around; the conversation will be rewarding. *If you would like a book, let Shelly know!*

SCOUTING AMERICA AND CUCC

Everyone at CUCC is invited to kick off our partnership with Scouting America with a festive BBQ! The Scouts have invited us to join them on August 19 for their kickoff of the year. The Fall BBQ Kickoff will be held at the CUCC Shelter House on August 19 at 6:00 p.m. Donations are welcome. Watch for the RSVP sign up sheet!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH PARENTS GATHERING

Families of kiddos and youth from age 3-12th grade, stick around after worship on August 25 for a Lunch and Learn detailing new and exciting programs happening this fall at CUCC! LUNCH WILL BE SERVED- CATERED FROM DICKY'S BBQ! We have a lot of great things up our sleeve for this coming year - we promise it will be fun! Please RSVP to Alexandra in the church office by August 15. Other questions? Talk to Lena Muench! Nursery will be provided!

CROP WALK 2024

Mark your calendar for the COLUMBIA CROP HUNGER WALK, September 15, Stephen's Lake Park, Gordon Shelter, 1:00-3:45. Interested in hiking and/or biking all/or part of the way across Missouri to promote the Crop Hunger walk? Interested in being part of a new event on Crop Walk day - a celebration Musical Showcase at the end of the Walk? Contact Don Harter for details at HarterD@missouri.edu or 573-443-3258.

NEXT SUNDAY- BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

Next Sunday we will be asking God's blessing on all our students, teachers, and others who work for academic instruction in any setting. Make sure your children are here for our back to school blessing!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	8/11	Bible Study	8:30 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	9:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30 a.m.
		Stay and Learn- Book Study with Shelly	11:00 a.m.
Mon	8/12	LODO Staff Returns	
Tue	8/13	Quilters	10:00 a.m.
Thu	8/15	Nurture & Education Ministry Team	6:30 p.m.
Sun	8/18	Bible Study	8:30 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	9:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30 a.m.

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week . . .

The family of Dale Weiss... on their loss (Gary Weiss' father)
The family of Deb Koepke... on their loss (Deb Koepke's mother)

Pat Schroeder... health issues

Sharon Elliott... health issues

Steve Price... recovering from surgery

Jonathan Schultz... recovering from hand injury

Jennifer... diagnosed with cancer (Edie Diel's niece)

Joanne Good... health issues (Sue Beckman's friend)

Students and staff at Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary . . . our partnership friend

The people of Palestine, Israel, and Ukraine

Health Issues:

John Adams, Cheryl Cobb, John Graves, Barry Kirchoff
Connie Hackman Fairley, Stephanie Porter (Phillip Neale's niece)

Challenges in Life:

Sheila, The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families, Steve (Pastor Rick's Cousin)

Living in Care Facilities:

Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt, Vernie Blank, Helen Graves

Living in Independent Living Facilities:

Don Privitt, Alice Moon

Serving us in the military:

Christopher Tennill, Dane Wilson, Aaron Dachroeden, Jeffrey Sanderson

Did you know we have a Prayer Team here at CUCC, lifting up the prayer concerns of our congregation? If you are interested in joining our Prayer Team or have a prayer request for our team to lift up please contact

*Melba Shaffer (573) 474-2997 whals@centurytel.net
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CUCC celebrates God's boundless love by:

Welcoming all God's Children;

Nurturing Faith and Spiritual Growth;

Challenging and inspiring everyone with vibrant worship;

Building a supportive church family;

***Transforming both the congregation and community
through service and outreach***

Praise to the Living God

Ps. 84:1-2

Curtis Beach, 1966; alt.

1 Praise to the liv - ing God, the God of love and light, Whose
 2 Praise to the liv - ing God, from whom all things de - rive, Whose
 3 Praise to the liv - ing God, who knows our joy and pain, Who
 4 Praise to the liv - ing God, a - round, with - in, a - bove, Be -

word brought forth the myr - iad suns and set the worlds in flight;
 Spir - it formed up - on this sphere the first faint seeds of life;
 shares with us our com - mon life, the sa - cred and pro - fane.
 yond the grasp of hu - man mind, but whom we know as love.

Whose in - fi - nite de - sign, which we but dim - ly see, Per -
 Who caused them to e - volve, un - wit - ting, toward God's goal, Till
 God toils wher - e'er we toil, in home and mart and mill; And
 In these tu - mul - tuous days, so full of hope and strife, May

vades all na - ture, mak - ing all a cos - mic u - ni - ty.
 hu - man - kind stood on the earth, as liv - ing, think - ing souls.
 deep with - in the hu - man heart God leads us for - ward still.
 we bear wit - ness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

Curtis Beach, born into a family of several generations of ministers, was educated at Harvard University, the Boston University School of Theology, and the University of Southern California. A minister in the United Church of Christ, Beach authored *The Gospel of Mark: Its Making and Meaning*.

Tune: DIADEMATA S.M.D.
 George J. Elvey, 1868

We Worship You, God

Ps. 104:2-6, 10-13

Robert Grant, 1833; alt.



1 We wor - ship you, God; your power and your love
 2 We tell of your might, we sing of your grace,
 3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,



are bla - zoned a - broad, a - round, and a - bove:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old,
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;



Our Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 Your char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 Es - tab - lished it fast by a change-less de - cree,
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 Your mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end,



pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 and broad is your path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it you cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!



Born in Bengal, India, Robert Grant became a lawyer in England, a member of Parliament, and for the last four years of his life was governor of Bombay. This text was inspired by William Kethe's paraphrase of Psalm 104.

Tune: LYONS 10.10.11.11.
 Attrib. to J. Michael Haydn (1737-1806)
 Alternate tune: HANOVER

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

25 So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another.

26 Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and do not make room for the devil.

28 Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy.

29 Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.

30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption.

31 Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice,

32 and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

5 1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children,

2 and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

John 6:35,41-51

35 Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

41 Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.”

42 They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?”

43 Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves.

44 No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day.

45 It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me.

46 Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47 Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life.

48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”