

July 5, 2020

9:30 Worship

"Preaching Peace"

** indicates those who are comfortably able may stand*

"...in your majesty, ride on victoriously for the cause of truth and to defend the right..."

-Psalm 45:4

Gathering Music

Amy Crousore

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

Amy Crousore
Ward/Livingston

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship *(adapted from Psalm 45)*

Mahree Skala

My heart overflows with love;
God's blessings are on my lips.

**God's throne endures forever;
God's scepter is a scepter of equity.**

God calls us to love righteousness
And hate wickedness;

**God has anointed God's people
To be agents of justice, righteousness and Shalom!**

Incline your ear and consider God's command;
Turn around from what was, and embrace what can be!

**God's name will be celebrated in all generations;
Let all people praise God forever and ever!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn "For the Healing of the Nations"

#576

*Opening Prayer

Mahree Skala

Almighty God, you have given us this good land as our heritage. Make us always remember your generosity and constantly do your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord and confusion; from pride and arrogance and from every evil course of action. Make us, immigrants who came from many nations with many languages a united people. Defend our liberties and give those whom we have entrusted with the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and, in troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail. We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing Pastor Rick
Our country was founded on the ideal that everyone should be entitled to the blessings of life, love and liberty; fostering a spirit of justice, righteousness and Shalom. But as our history has unfolded, we have not always lived into that ideal. National sins of colonialism, racism, homophobia and misogyny are part of our reality. But despite these sins of separation, God forgives us and sets us on the path to peace. We are all God's children, blessed and beloved; forgiven and free! Praise be to God!

*Prayer Response "Spirit of the Living God" NCH #283
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me!
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me!
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me!
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me!

Children's Time Pastor Rick
Response "This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Living our Mission "School Supply Collection" Mahree Skala

Anthem "What a Wonderful World" Lena Muench

Psalter Lesson: Psalm 45 Mahree Skala
This is an unusual psalm; it is an "enthronement psalm" but it describes the marriage of an earthly King and the joy it brings to the people. How does this psalm of secular fidelity fit into God's vision of Shalom?

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 11:2-14 Mahree Skala
Jesus talks about the message John the Baptizer shared, preparing the way for Jesus to begin his ministry; then discusses how John's fate intersects with the fate of other prophets in the history of the Hebrew people.

Sermon: "Preaching Peace" Pastor Rick

*Meditation Hymn "O For a World" NCH #575

*Invitation to Communion

In today's Sacrament of Communion, we will be remembering the meal in which Jesus gave us instruction to be servant leaders and to love one another even as he first loved us; however we will not be partaking of bread and wine in the Sanctuary (people viewing at home may do so). In the act of blessing, elevation and fraction we remember God's presence in the life of Jesus; we remember Jesus' instructions throughout his life; and we remember God's Holy Spirit inspiring us to serve. For those present in the Sanctuary, we will take the presence of Jesus into our hearts in symbolic gesture, rather than physical nourishment; and all will receive a special blessing from Pastor Rick, reminding us of the blessings of community.

Pastoral Prayer & Silent Prayer

Institution/Fraction/Elevation/Blessing

Communion Prayer

The LORD's Prayer

(sung by the congregation, led by Lena Muench)

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. 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

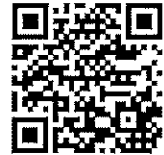
“Grant Us Peace”

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

“Fanfare on America”

Lucy Smith

Samuel Ward

*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

“We Praise You, O God”

NCH #420

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
We bless your Holy name, glad praises we sing!**

*Prayer of Dedication

Mahree Skala

God of peace; may the gifts we give today be used as instruments of your peace; to bring justice to the world, and to lift up all your children as one. We pray for a world where everyone respects and affirms each other; where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise. May these gifts enable that world to come into fruition. Amen.

*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

“Sing a New Song”

Amy Crouso

Edward Broughton

CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

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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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Welcoming all God's People;
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*

For the Healing of the Nations

Fred Kaan, 1965

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, God, we pray with
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
 sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

Fred Kaan's most widely published text was first sung at Pilgrim Church in Plymouth, England, at a service of worship marking Human Rights Day in 1965. It has been used for many subsequent occasions, including the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations.

Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY 8.7.8.7.8.7.
 Henry Purcell, c. 1680
 Arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1842

O for a World

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Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; 1 Pet. 3:8-12



- 1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
- 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
- 3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
- 4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
- 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.



Inspired by Charles Wesley's phrase "O for a thousand tongues" and the familiar tune Azmon, Miriam Therese Winter wrote this hymn envisioning a new world order for the Presbyterian Women's Triennial Conference in 1982. It was later recrafted and recorded by the Medical Mission Sisters.

Tune: AZMON C.M.

Carl G. Gläser, 1828

Adapt. Lowell Mason in Modern Psalmody, 1839