



November 1, 2020

10:30 Worship

"All Saints Day"

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

*"...I will bless the LORD at all times;  
God's praises shall continuously be in my mouth.  
O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exult his name together..."  
-Psalm 34:1,3*

Gathering Music

Amy Crousoe

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"For All the Saints"

Amy Crousoe  
Hal Hopson

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Matthew & Molly Baker

\*Call to Worship *(adapted from Psalm 34)*

Mahree Skala

Praise God! Praise God at all times!  
Let God's praise be continually in your mouth!

**Our souls are devoted to God;  
Let all God's children hear and rejoice!**

Lift up God's name in God's Holy Place;  
Let us praise God's name together!

**Listen to God's call!  
God delivered us from challenge and brought us blessings!  
Come, let us worship God!**

\*Opening Hymn "For All the Saints"

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\*Opening Prayer

Mahree Skala

**God of love, as we gather in this place we do so in the midst of all the Saints of the Church who are no longer with us; embracing their legacy and benefiting from their cloud of witness, wisdom and faith. As we remember the Saints of the Church who are no longer here, remind us that we, too are the Saints of the Church; and we are building on the legacy they have left us. Remind us to be faithful to their example and diligent in our discernment of your call to Peace, Justice and Reconciliation. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Our ancestors in faith had Christ as their Rock, their refuge and their might. Though we idealize their legacy, we know that those Saints often wavered in their faith; yet God forgave them, loved them and blessed them. We are inheritors of that legacy. We, the Saints of the Church, are forgiven, beloved and blessed as well. Praise be to God!

\*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!**

Children’s Time

“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.**

**The world behind me, the cross before me  
The world behind me, the cross before me  
The world behind me, the cross before me  
No turning back, no turning back.**

Living our Mission

“Festival of Sharing”

Mahree Skala

Anthem

“Shine Like the Sun”

*Karen Black*

Pete Jaberg, Ed Rollins, Mike Pearson, James Melton; Lisa Jaberg, Violin

Epistle Lesson:

1 John 3:1-3

Mahree Skala

*This letter is believed to have been written by one of the followers of the Apostle John to one of the communities established by John; probably written after John’s death; around 95-100AD. In this letter, the author tries to lift up some of the themes supported by the Apostle in his ministry; and then builds upon them.*

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Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 5:1-12

Mahree Skala

*In this sermon Jesus preached on the mountain, what was essentially his Inaugural Address, he laid out the basic outline of his ministry, and called upon the listeners to follow him in this regard. Blessed are those Saints of the Church who follow Jesus closely.*

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Sermon:

“A Foundation of Faith”

Pastor Rick

\*Meditation Hymn

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

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### **Remembering the Saints of the Church**

*For all those Saints who have gone before us, we give thanks.*

*Candles will be lit in their memory, as each name is read.*

Patricia (Tee) Fitzgerald

Jim Davenport

Arthur Schneider

Mary Lou Veteto

Becky Ann Asher

Neva Schupp

Donald Ray Long

Nicholas Johnson

Rose Begemann

Alan Lee Mader

Wayne Gartner

David A. Tummons

Gerald Koerkenmeier

Emilie Ott

Larry Hill

Doug Walker

Pat Brumbach

Carolyn Schumm

Ella Marie DuBois

Eleanor Ballew

Gladys Hauser

Judith Karwan-Laird

Jerry Critz

Melissa Wolfe

Unison Prayer

**Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend these Saints. Acknowledge them, we humbly pray, sheep of your fold, lambs of your flock, children of your redeeming. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the company of all the Saints in Light. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

The invitation is simple: come and eat. Not a meal to nourish the body, but to feed the soul. Today we symbolically receive the bread and the wine connected to the ages. Woven into this time, the hopes and fears of all the generations are present in this meal. There is great joy here! Nobody is turned away when God is the host!

**With those who have gone before us, the Saints of the Church,  
Who celebrated this sacred meal before us,  
We worship and glorify God.**

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

Invocation

Institution; Fraction; Sharing the Spirit of 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; in symbolic communion with all the Saints of the Church who have gone before us.*

Communion Music

Amy Crousore

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Rick

**We thank you, Most Holy God, for refreshment at your table where, along with your saints, we receive all Christ's gifts. Give us the grace to praise you with our lives, our words, our deeds. We give thanks for the heritage of our ancestors, and for their faith. And now, rooted in heritage and faith, we gather as our ancestors have in days past, singing the prayer you taught us:**

The LORD's Prayer

*(sung by the congregation, led by James Melton)*

**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.**

Presenting our Gifts

“When We are Living”

Amy Crousore

John Carter

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*You can also give online by visiting our website:*

*www.columbiaucc.com*



\*Response

“We Praise You, O God”

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**For the Fruit 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 our Ancestors; as the Saints of the church who have gone before us dedicated their lives to you, we also dedicate ours. Take these gifts and multiply them, using them to your will. Let them continue the legacy of love left behind by those who went before us. Through these gifts we dedicate ourselves to you. 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

Amy Crousore

“Festival Toccata”

*CUCC celebrates God’s boundless love by:  
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*

## **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.

Heb. 12:1

William W. How, 1864; alt.

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who to the  
 2 You were their rock, their refuge, and their might: you, Christ, the  
 3 Still may your people, faith-ful, true, and bold, live as the  
 4 Ringed by this cloud of wit-ness-es di-vine, we fee-bly  
 5 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the

world their stead-fast faith con-fessed, your name, O Je-sus,  
 hope that put their fears to flight; 'mid gloom and doubt, you  
 saints who nobly fought of old, and share with them a  
 strug-gle, they in glo-ry shine; yet in your love our  
 ear the dis-tant tri-umph song, then hearts are brave a-

be for-ev-er blessed.  
 were their one true light.  
 glo-rious crown of gold. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 faith-ful lives en-twine.  
 gain, and faith grows strong.

*This traditional All Saints Day hymn originally consisted of eleven stanzas written for the Sarum Hymnal (1869) and set to a tune by that name, Sarum. It has grown in popularity since it was later paired with the enduring Sine Nomine in The English Hymnal (1906).*

Tune: SINE NOMINE 10.10.10.4.  
 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

*John 6:24-35, 51-58; 1 Cor. 2:9-16; 1 John 4**Brian Wren, 1969; rev. 1987*

1 There's a spir - it in the air, tell - ing Chris-tians ev - ery-where;  
 2 Lose your shy - ness, find your tongue; tell the world what God has done:  
 3 When be - liev - ers break the bread, when a hun - gry child is fed:  
 4 Still the Spir - it gives us light, see - ing wrong and set - ting right:  
 5 When a strang-er's not a - lone, where the home-less find a home:

"Praise the love that Christ re-vealed, liv - ing, work - ing in our world."  
 God in Christ has come to stay. Live to - mor - row's life to - day.  
 Praise the love that Christ re-vealed, liv - ing, work - ing in our world.  
 God in Christ has come to stay. Live to - mor - row's life to - day.  
 Praise the love that Christ re-vealed, liv - ing, work - ing in our world.

6 May the Spir-it fill our praise,  
 guide our thoughts and change our ways.  
 God in Christ has come to stay.  
 Live to-mor-row's life to-day.

7 There's a Spir-it in the air,  
 call-ing peo-ple ev-ery-where:  
 Praise the love that Christ re-vealed,  
 liv-ing, work-ing in our world.

*Brian Wren celebrates the Spirit's work in the world in this text written for Pentecost at Hockley, England. In it, Wren borrows a poetic device from the Isaac Watts hymn "Give to Our God Immortal Praise" with the alternating repetition of two choruses.*

Tune: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS 7.7.7.7.  
 Medieval French melody  
 Harm. Richard Redhead, 1853

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*Unison**Lesbia Scott, 1929; alt.*

1 I sing a song of the saints of God, . . . faith-ful their whole lives  
 2 They loved their God and they lived that love. It was lov - ing that made them  
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are hun-dreds of thou-sands

*This text was included in Lesbia Scott's Everyday Hymns for Little Children with her original words, music, and illustrations. A native of Britain, Scott was also the author of six published plays and enjoyed painting until her death in 1986.*

Tune: GRAND ISLE Irr.  
 John H. Hopkins, 1940

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through, who brave - ly la - bored, lived, and died for the God they  
 strong. They did what was right, for Je - sus' sake, lived just - ly their  
 still. The world is filled with liv - ing saints who choose to

loved and knew. And one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and an -  
 whole lives long. And one was a proph - et, and one was a priest, and an -  
 do God's will. You can meet them in school, on the road, or at sea, in a

oth - er a shep - herd in pas - tures green: they were saints of God, if you  
 oth - er was slain by a fierce wild beast: there is no earth - ly rea - son,  
 church, in a train, in a shop, or at tea: for the saints are folk like

know what I mean. God, help me to be one, too.  
 none in the least, why I should - n't be one, too.  
 you and like me, and I mean to be one, too.