



June 14, 2020

9:30 Worship

"Senior Sunday"

** indicates those who are comfortably able may stand*

"...what shall I return to God, for all God's blessings to me?

I will pay my vows to God in the presence of all God's people..."-Psalm 116

*Today we celebrate the commencement of our High School Seniors,
and honor their next steps to fulfill the potential God has instilled within them*

Gathering Music

Amy Crousore

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"On Eagle's Wings"

Amy Crousore & Harry Beckett
Michael Johncas/Carter

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 116)

Audrey Lasley

Loving God, You have heard our struggles;
Listen to our praise as we celebrate this time of transition!

**God listens to our joys and concerns;
We will call upon God as long as we live!**

You comfort us through all of our changes;
You give us strength through all of our journeys;

**In all we go through in life God is with us;
Saving our lives, rescuing us from sin and separation.**

You are gracious and merciful;
Guiding us along the way.

**Like an ideal teacher or mentor, God encourages and guides us!
Like a loving parent, God embraces us!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

(insert)

*Opening Prayer

(A Commencement Litany)

Audrey Lasley

**O God, giver of all good gifts, you have given us life. You have bestowed upon us your
love, and that love includes your hopes for us.**

**What are our next steps in your mission for our lives? We pray for grace to hear God's
voice and a heart to respond. We are ready to listen.**

**Help us listen to the rhythm of each day, day by day, so that we are not overwhelmed by
thoughts of the future. Guide us into that future so that we know who and whose we are.**

We will listen. We will listen to the voices of those witnesses who have gone before us. We will listen to those who are here to give us guidance and encouragement. We will listen; for we know that we never journey alone.

We will listen to our feelings and our spiritual connection to you as we grow and learn and change, processes that we know are lifelong. We will listen to you, O God.

And even though we want easy answers, we know that what you want is relationship. So, when we question you and when we answer you, may our responses be to both our fullest potential and to your love of all creatures. May we always serve with all the gifts you have given us. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

As we gather here today to celebrate next things, we remember that no matter what we ever do or what is ever done to us, no matter what, nothing can change the love that God has for us. We are always welcomed, loved and accepted by God; and we can always come home to God's loving arms. Always remember; you are blessed children of God; nothing can change that!

*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"

NCH #524

**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!**

Recognizing Our High School Seniors

Payton Bach; Hayley Dennis; Marcella Dolezal; Rachael Erickson;
Mason Jaberg; Hope Keithahn; Imani Kibaro; Isis Piersee

Reflection & Introductions

Pastor Rick

Anthem

"Moving On Ahead"

Adaptation by Harry Beckett

Presentation

Lauren Helmreich

Senior Video

Prepared by Mike Pierson

Presentation of Scholarships

Pastor Rick & Pat Forward

"The CUCC Scholarship Fund" was established in October, 2019, repurposing the "Memorial Education Fund" that was established in 1972 by Professor H. H. Krusekopf and developed over the years by many others. Applications are due by April 1 each year, and are open to any active member of Columbia United Church of Christ pursuing higher education. Applications are available in the church office starting January 1 each year. We had two applicants this year, both of whose applications were approved. Today we honor Carissa Graves and Marcella Dolezal with scholarships in the amount of \$1000.

Living our Mission "CWS Tools and Blankets" Lindsey Oberle

Epistle Lesson: Romans 5:1-5 Audrey Lasley

Paul reflects in this letter that we are justified by faith, not by our actions; and as we are justified by faith, we have strength and endurance knowing that God's grace is an essential part of our identity.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 10:1, 5-16 Audrey Lasley

Jesus sends the disciples out into the world to spread the Good News of his message. As he does, he warns them that life will not be easy following him; they will be as sheep in the midst of wolves. But if they stay true to who they truly are as God's children and Christ's disciples, they will experience Salvation.

Reflection: "Your Next Mission" Pastor Rick

*Meditation Hymn: "Go to the World" (insert)

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. 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

"Echo"

Amy Crousore
JS Bach



*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" #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 Audrey Lasley

God of majesty; you call us into your church to teach us the cost and joy of discipleship; and you send us out into the world to be your Servant Leaders. We pray that we may always continue to learn the ways of your wisdom in our lives. We pray that we may always be blessings to others; and we pray that we may always enable your Kingdom to come into being here in this world. Now take the gifts we offer you today. These gifts are indicators of our hearts, and our willingness to serve. Use them and use us to make your kingdom of Justice a reality. Amen.

*Blessing the Graduates

*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

"Joy in the Morning"

Amy Crousore
Lani Smith

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.

*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*

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

D G C G D G Em C

dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way. With - in our dark - est night, you
teint ja - mais, ne s'é-teint ja - mais. Dans nos ob - scu - ri - tés, al -

Am B Em Am B Em Am B

kin - dle the fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way.
lu - me le feu qui ne s'é-teint ja - mais, ne s'é-teint ja - mais.

THE CHURCH

Go to the World!

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- 1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
- 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
- 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
- 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.