

Columbia United Church Of Christ

January 31, 2021

Inclusion Covenant Anniversary



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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!

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10:30 Worship

"Inclusion"

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

*"...I will give thanks to God with my whole heart,
In the company of the upright, in the congregation..."
-Psalm 111:1*

Gathering Music		Lucy Smith
Welcome and Greetings		Pastor Rick
Prelude		Lucy Smith <i>Frederic Chopin</i>
	"Album Leaf"	
Carrying in the Light of Christ		Abby Dennis
*Call to Worship	<i>(based on Psalm 111)</i>	Judi Privitt

Praise God! Let us give thanks to God with our whole heart.
Let the congregation come together shouting praises to God.

God's works are holy and just; full of honor and majesty.
God's righteousness endures forever.

God's wonderful deeds are praised by all;
Exemplifying God's gracious and merciful nature.

**God's provision brings us satisfaction;
God always remembers the covenant shared with us.**

**Knowledge of God's love is the beginning of Wisdom;
Let us practice living into God's glorious Wisdom.**

**God's praise endures forever!
God's covenant is with us always!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn "God of Change and Glory" *NCH #177*

*Opening Prayer Judi Privitt

God of presence; you come to us through the ministries of Jesus Christ, your WORD made flesh. In Jesus, we see teaching with authority, contrasting the ways of the world. Forgive us for the times we fail to put faith in your authority and worship the ways of the world instead. Teach us to follow your will, faithfully proclaiming your message of Justice, Righteousness and Shalom. Inspire us to speak prophetically in your name, sharing your inclusive love with everyone. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

- *Assurance of Blessing Pastor Rick
 God gives us guidance through prophets who speak of Justice, Righteousness and Shalom; and calls us to exemplify this in our acts of Inclusion and Affirmation. But even when we neglect to heed this call, God loves us and forgives us. God's love is steadfast, unconditional. We are forgiven! We are God's beloved! Praise be to God!
- *Prayer Response "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"
*Turn your eyes upon Jesus;
 Look full in his wonderful face;
 And the things of Earth will grow strangely dim
 In the light of his glory and grace!*
- Sharing God's Gift of Peace Pastor Rick
- Children's Time
- Response "This Little Light of Mine" *(traditional)*
*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
 "Habitat for Humanity/Loaves & Fishes" Judi Privitt
- Anthem "Sing a New Song Into Being" Ed Rollins
Bringle/Chavez-Melo
- Old Testament Lesson Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Judi Privitt
The story of the Israelites receiving the Law of God is retold in this book and in this chapter, Moses is depicted as speaking about those who will come after him, prophetically speaking about Justice, Righteousness and Shalom. This chapter lifts up the tribe of Levi as chosen to stand and minister in God's name; but the same challenge applies to all who speak prophetically in God's name today, too.
- Gospel Lesson Mark 1:21-28 Judi Privitt
Jesus claims his pastoral authority as he begins his ministry in Capernaum. As he taught, he is challenged by a man with an unclean spirit; but Jesus rebukes him, and commands the spirit to depart. In this way, Jesus' authority as God's prophet is revealed and established.
- Hymn "Silence, Frenzied, Unclean Spirit" NCH #176
- Sermon: "Prophetic Inclusion" Pastor Rick
- Hymn: "We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness" NCH #179

Affirmation of Faith *(CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant)*

God of rainbow covenants and inclusive love, we gather here as your church, committed to actively pursuing inclusion and affirmation in our interactions with everyone; but especially your most vulnerable children, those who have been disenfranchised and dismissed by others.

Exemplifying your love, we now gather at this time, reciting together the Open and Affirming/Inclusion covenant we, your people, have adopted as our guide:

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God of love and grace, help us to keep this covenant close and fresh in our hearts, in our minds and in our interactions in your world.

This we pray in the name of the one who taught us to exemplify love, your son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Community Prayer

Silent Prayer

The LORD's Prayer

(in an effort to encourage inclusion, this Sunday we are suggesting using the term "Creator God" in our unison recitation of The Lord's Prayer.)

Creator God, 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.

God of Change and Glory

1 Cor. 12:4-27

Al Carmines, 1973

1 God of change and glo - ry, God of time and space,
 2 God of man - y col - ors, God of man - y signs,
 3 Fresh-ness of the morn - ing, new - ness of each night,

when we fear the fu - ture, give to us your grace.
 you have made us dif - ferent, bless - ing man - y kinds.
 you are still cre - at - ing end - less love and light.

In the midst of chang - ing ways give us still the grace to praise.
 As the old ways dis - ap - pear, let your love cast out our fear.
 This we see, as shad - ows part, man - y gifts from one great heart.

Refrain

Man - y gifts, one Spir - it, one love known in man - y ways.

Al Carmines, composer, playwright, performer, and teacher, has served as minister for two United Church of Christ congregations in New York City. This hymn, commissioned in 1973, was one of the first modern texts to claim diversity as a gift from God.

Tune: KATHERINE 6.5.6.5.7.7.
 Al Carmines, 1973

EPIPHANY SEASON

C F C F G

In our dif - fer - ence is bless - ing, from di - ver - si - ty we praise

Detailed description: This system contains the first line of music. The treble staff has a melody with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords C, F, C, F, G. The lyrics are: "In our dif - fer - ence is bless - ing, from di - ver - si - ty we praise".

C F G

one Giv - er, one Word, one Spir - it, one God known in man - y ways,

Detailed description: This system contains the second line of music. The treble staff continues the melody with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords C, F, G. The lyrics are: "one Giv - er, one Word, one Spir - it, one God known in man - y ways,".

F C G7 C

hal - low - ing our days. For the Giv - er, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

Detailed description: This system contains the third line of music. The treble staff continues the melody with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords F, C, G7, C. The lyrics are: "hal - low - ing our days. For the Giv - er, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!".

"Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit"

Mark 1:21-28; Luke 4:33-37

Thomas H. Troeger, 1984; rev. 1993



1 "Si - lence! Fren - zied, un-clean spir - it," cried God's heal - ing, Ho - ly One.
 2 Christ, the de - mons still are thriv - ing in the grey cells of the mind:
 3 Si - lence, Christ, the un-clean spir - it, in our mind and in our heart.



"Cease your rant - ing! Flesh can't bear it. Flee as night be - fore the sun."
 Ty - rant voice - es, shrill and driv - ing, twist - ed thoughts that grip and bind,
 Speak your word that when we hear it all our de - mons shall de - part.



At Christ's voice the de - mon trem - bled, from its vic - tim
 Doubts that stir the heart to pan - ic, fears dis - tort - ing
 Clear our thought and calm our feel - ing, still the frac - tured,



We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness

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Dosia Carlson, 1986; rev. 1993

1 We yearn, O Christ, for whole - ness and for your heal - ing touch;
 2 We long to have com - pan - ions who trav - el by our side,
 3 We need your liv - ing pres - ence, O Christ of Gal - i - lee,

too long have we felt help - less; our bur - dens seemed too much.
 strong friends to call and an - swer with whom we are al - lied;
 a pres - ence that re - vives us and sets our spir - its free.

For - get - ting all pre - tens - es we make our plead - ings heard,
 As we lift up each oth - er when strug - gles lay us low,
 No long - er are we fear - ful, your love per - vades each place.

in hope and ex - pec - ta - tion a - wait your gra - cious Word.
 com - mu - ni - ty de - vel - ops; our faith and car - ing grow.
 Em - pow - er us with cour - age to claim your heal - ing grace.

Dosia Carlson is noted for her ministry at Beatitudes United Church of Christ in Phoenix, Arizona, and for her hymnwriting. This text was inspired by a sermon given by Harold Wilke during the International Year of Persons with Disabilities (1983).

Tune: PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D.
 Hans Leo Hassler, 1601
 Harm. J. S. Bach, 1719
 For another harmonization, see 202

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Worship Leader: Judi Privitt
Acolyte: Abby Dennis
Ushers:
Technology Booth: Mike Pierson/James Melton
Hospitality:
Council Stewards:



NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Seth Smith
Acolyte: Lil Smith
Ushers:
Technology Booth: Mike Pierson/James Melton
Hospitality:
Council Stewards:

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2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your 2021 giving envelopes are ready. Those that usually receive envelopes can pick them up at the church office during normal office hours (Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm) or coordinate with Brent Marcks to get them. If you aren't currently receiving envelopes but you would like to please contact Brent Marcks. You can reach Brent by phone at (573) 819-5145 or by email at brentmarcks@gmail.com

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BREAKFAST ALTERNATIVE

Due to the ongoing struggle with the COVID pandemic, the Men's Fellowship is canceling the annual Uel Blank Habitat for Humanity benefit breakfast this year. We still want to help Habitat for Humanity as best we are able, so we are sponsoring an online fund raiser for them. We normally raise about \$1500. We are setting a goal of \$2000. We would appreciate it if you could help us with this goal. Please make checks out to "Men's Fellowship" and bring it by or mail it to the Church Office; or you can give through Kindrid on the church website. Just select "Habitat for Humanity" from the dropdown menu on the "Give to CUCC" tab. We are collecting through the end of February. Thank you for your consideration.

CUCC COVID RESPONSE

The CUCC COVID Response Team met on 1/18, and decided to continue our practice of online-only worship for the next few Sundays, with a phased-in resumption of in-person worship starting on Ash Wednesday, February 17. We fully believe that by this time, we should be able to resume meeting, and can observe the Lenten season worshipping in person. We will continue our Livestream for those who wish to worship that way instead.

TECHNOLOGY BOOTH TRAINING

James Melton and Mike Pearson will lead Technology Booth Training in the next few weeks. If you are interested in being part of this team, let them know!

COVID VACCINE INFORMATION

The Boone County Health Department has released information about how and when you can get vaccinated against COVID-19. For more information, talk to Mahree Skala or check out the information in the Friday email.

CUCC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The CUCC Scholarship Fund is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. If you will be in college this fall, pick up an application in the church office. All applications are due by April 1.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	1/31	Worship (online only)	10:30am
Mon	2/1	NO Staff Meeting NO Confirmation	
Sun	2/7	Souperbowl Sunday Worship (online only)	10:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The United States of America... for unity and recovery
All police and law enforcement, dealing with escalated tensions this month

Amy Crousore... recovering from oral surgery
Mariann Bullerd, Jan Barry... recovering at home from health issues
Cliff Beckman... recovering at home from back surgery
Ardith Wilson... on hospice (Mark Wilson's mother)
Sharon Tiemann... on hospice (April Rothwieler's Aunt)
Paul Plaspohl... health issues (Ann Stone Meyer's friend)
Karen Wittich... recovering from knee replacement 1/8 (Kim Oberle's mother)
Andrew Hill... challenges in life (April Rothweiler's son) and April, too..

All who are suffering from COVID-19 virus and other viruses
All who are on the front lines, serving those with COVID-19

Sheila... challenges in life and faith
The Zimny, Lasley, Koerkenmeier, Malicoat,
Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Christie O'Very; Nathan Schnell
Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Jason Wilhoit (Vena Long's friend);
Riley Gregg (Alisa Lau-Sieckmann's neighbor); Christine Mseke,
Gary Johnson... recovering from non-Hodgkins lymphoma (Kelly Smith's father)
Dennis Froeschner... anticipating knee replacement surgery
Irene Hurst... living with cancer (Sue & Cliff Beckman's friend)

Living in Care Facilities:

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt, Mark Brumbach, Vernie Blank

Serving us in the military:

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson
James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)
Thomas Zumalt (Shirley Lawler's grandson)
Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends);
Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin); Cole Long (Vena's grandson)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

John Campbell-Nelson... serving in Indonesia

Pregnancies in our church family:

Ed Rollins & Jess Wolfe

2020 Confirmation Class (Confirmation on delay until...?):

Lilly Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, Brandon Lavelly

2021 Confirmation Class:

Zabibu Kibaro, Kennedy Lucas, Addison Melton,
Abby Dennis, Brandon Schoeneberg, Sadie Tummons