

# Columbia United Church Of Christ



August 25, 2024  
"Community of Faith"



# CUCC

**Columbia United Church of Christ**

## **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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**August 25, 2024**

**9:30 a.m.**

**“Ministry Team Fair”**

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

*“ . . . Happy are those who live in Your house,  
ever singing Your praise...” -Psalm 84:4*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

“Agnus Dei”

Steve Jannetti

*Ludwig van Beethoven*

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Welcome

Worship & Music Team

Jedd Schneider

Nurture & Education Team

Lena Muench

\*Call to Worship

*(based on Psalm 84)*

Pat Forward

How lovely is God’s dwelling place!

Our souls yearn for God’s presence.

**God cares for all creatures;**

**Even the sparrow finds a nest with God.**

Happy are those who live in God’s realm

Ever singing God’s praises.

**Happy are those whose strength is with God;**

**Who find comfort and support in God’s presence!**

O LORD, God of all, hear our prayers;

Give ear to our pleas and petitions!

**God withholds nothing from God’s people;**

**Happy are those who trust in God!**

**Come, let us worship God!**

\*Hymn

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

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\*Opening Prayer

Pat Forward

**God of unity, You call us into Your church to do the work of proclaiming the Good News through word and through deed. Forgive us for the times we neglect to let our light shine. Teach us to come together, doing Your work and calling Your children to love and to serve. Open our hearts to the joys of serving You, and open our hands to do Your Kingdom work. In Jesus’ name we pray; Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Each of us is a valuable member of Christ's body; but even when we forget that basic fact, God remembers and continues to call us, bless us, forgive us. Through our repentance and God's grace we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. 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.*

\*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

May God's Peace be with you!

**And also with you!**

Children's Time

Pastor Rick

“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”

Mark Duncan

Ministry Teams:

Outreach & Advocacy

Mark Duncan

Inclusion & Affirmation

Alisa Lau-Sieckman

Little One's Day Out

Kristin Veteto

New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Pat Forward

*In this letter to the Christian Church in Corinth, Paul talks about the value of every member of the body contributing to the whole. He extends this analogy to the flourishing church in Corinth, as we extend it to CUCC. How can each one present here at CUCC use their time and talents for the ministries of Christ in this place?*  
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Anthem

Veteto Family

Ministry Teams:

Membership & Care

Judi Privitt

Fellowship & Hospitality

Mary Lorber-Solt

\*Hymn

“Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant”

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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

Pastor Rick

Ministry Teams:

Finance & Stewardship

Keith Birkes

Building & Grounds

Ted Dachroeden

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](http://www.columbiaucc.com)*

Offertory

"Sleepers Awake"

Steve Jannetti

*J. S. Bach*

\*Prayer of Dedication

Pat Forward

**Thank You, God, for all of the gifts you have given us and for consecrating us to be Your servant leaders in the world. Take the talents that we offer You; may they be used to embrace Your children, to change Your world for the better, and to bring about Your Kingdom of hope, peace and love. 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

"Postlude"

Steve Jannetti

*Alexander Boely*

**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.

New this year– Youth Musical Showcase Concert! Youth from area churches are invited to showcase their musical/liturgical arts talent. To participate, contact Casey Wood caseyseanwood@gmail.com.

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:	Pat Forward
Ushers:	Audrey Lasley & Mary Lorber
Greeters:	Brenda & John Muench
Technology:	Ted Dachroeden & Josh Muench
Hospitality:	Ted Dachroeden & Tricia Price
Council Stewards:	Ted Dachroeden & Tricia Price

## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Sue Ann Schaefer
Ushers:	Charlie Marcks & Audrey Lasley
Greeters:	Jolene Kirchhoff
Technology:	Brent Marcks
Hospitality:	Mary Lorber
Council Stewards:	Mary Lorber



Online giving

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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!

### **TURNING POINT DONATIONS**

Turning Point is in need of ground, caffeinated coffee- regular flavor and no pods please. They are also in need of individual hotel soaps. When traveling, consider asking at the front desk for donations. Place donations in the coat room in the Turning Point collection basket.

### **RALLY DAY- 9/8**

Our Academic Schedule resumes on Sunday, September 8 with worship at 10:30, and Sunday School classes for all ages resume at 9:00 a.m. Our theme for the day is, "Seas the Day!" with all sorts of fishy activities and fun! We will have a fish fry after worship; our first big dinner of the season! Come and join us at 9:00 for Sunday School and 10:30 for worship, then stay for the fish fry at noon!

### **COURAGEOUS CHRISTIANITY- HOW TO FIGHT RACISM**

Last winter, we began a cursory look at the book "How to Fight Racism" by Jamar Tisby; participants agreed they want to explore it more in depth! We will begin a study of this book September 15 at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall, led by Pastor Rick. The 10-week course will be offered in three sessions- 9/15, 9/22, 9/29 and then continue three Sundays in January and three Sundays in April.

### **CROP WALK 2024 AND CAN COLLECTION**

This year's CROP Hunger Walk taking place on September 15 at Stephens Lake Park from 1:00-3:45 p.m. The goal this year is \$4,000. We are also collecting protein-rich canned goods (such as, canned meat, chicken, beans, peanut butter, chili, beef stew, etc.) You can donate cans in the marked cart in The Gathering Area. Our goal is 250 cans!

### **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

Sun	8/25	<b><i>Ministry Team Fair</i></b>	
		Bible Study	8:30 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	9:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30 a.m.
		CUCC Parents Meeting with catered lunch	11:00 a.m.
Mon	8/26	LODO First Day	
		Scouting America	6:00 p.m.
		Fellowship & Hospitality (in church office)	6:30 p.m.
Tue	8/27	Quilters	10:00 a.m.
		Staff Meeting	10:30 a.m.
		Clergy Personnel Committee	6:30 p.m.
Wed	8/28	Chapel Ringers/Celebration Singers	6:00/7:00 p.m.
Thu	8/29	Inclusion & Affirmation Team	5:00 p.m.
Sun	9/1	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 . . .*

Pat Schroeder... health issues

Jim & Sharon Elliott... health issues

Steve Price... recovering from surgery

Jonathan Schultz... recovering from hand injury

Julia Marsh... health issues (Donna Marsh's Daughter)

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, Barry Kirchhoff

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](mailto:whals@centurytel.net)*

*Or Tricia Soncasie (314) 374-7477 [tsoncasie@aol.com](mailto:tsoncasie@aol.com)*

***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***



## Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,  
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,  
 4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
 Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.  
 Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.  
 That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,  
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,  
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,  
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



E - qual part - ners in our car - ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.  
 Blend - ing hu - man skills to - geth - er gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.  
 Bring new power and strength for ac - tion, make us col - leagues, free and fair.  
 Mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.



One of Jane Parker Huber's most widely sung texts, this hymn was originally written for a women's breakfast at the 1981 Presbyterian General Assembly meeting to celebrate the partnership of women and men in service of the church.

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.

John Zundel, 1855

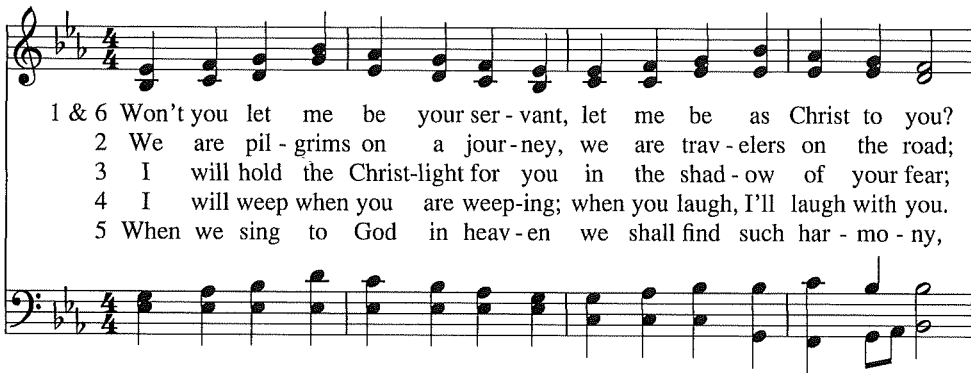
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# Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

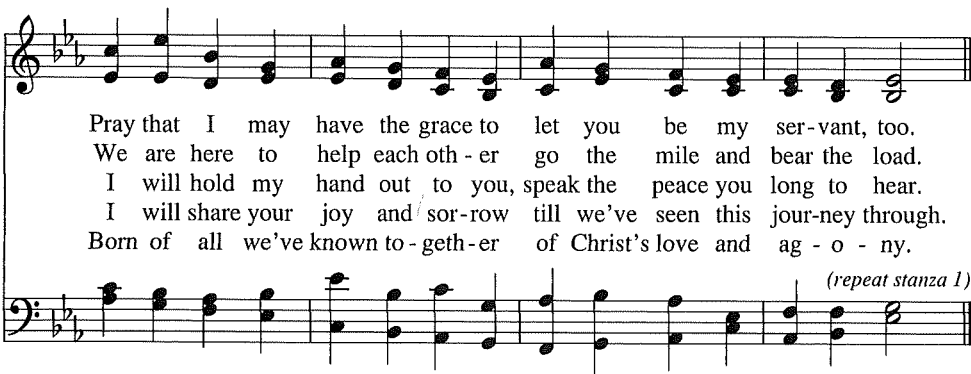
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Richard Gillard, 1977; alt.

Rom. 12:9–18; Col. 1:24–29



1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you?  
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - elers on the road;  
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the shad - ow of your fear;  
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
5 When we sing to God in heav - en we shall find such har - mo - ny,



Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.  
We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
I will share your joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
Born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

Richard Gillard was born in England and later made his home in New Zealand. Largely self-taught, Gillard has described his musical style as "folk." This is the best known of his many songs in the United States.

Tune: SERVANT SONG 8.7.8.7.  
Richard Gillard, 1977  
Arr. Betty Carr Pulkingham, 1977; adapt.

## 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

15 If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.

16 And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.

17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be?

20 As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”

22 On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,

23 and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect;

24 whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member,

25 that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another.

26 If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.