

Columbia United Church Of Christ

June 28, 2026
"Happy Birthday UCC"



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.

- *Assurance of Blessing Pastor Rick
 Jesus prays for unity, that all may be one; yet often we act in ways that do not promote unity. But even when we do, God still loves and welcomes us, encourages and guides us. Through our repentance and God's grace, we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. Praise be to God!
- *Prayer Response "Spirit of the Living God" #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!*
- *Sharing God's Gift of Peace Pastor Rick
 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!***
- Mission Moment "Mobility Worldwide" Lloyd Viehland
- Old Testament Lesson Genesis 22:1-14 Kennedy Lucas
God directs Abraham to offer his son, Isaac, as a living sacrifice. Abraham is willing to do so, but God stops him. This seems offensive to our modern sensibilities; but in the time of Abraham, this would have been the ultimate sign of devotion. Our understanding of faith is much different today. Each generation is called to redefine the faith in their own way.
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- Gospel Lesson Matthew 10:5-15,40-42 Kennedy Lucas
Jesus sends the disciples out into the world to do the work of the Good News. As he does, he calls on them to extend hospitality to all, and to expect hospitality in return. Hospitality is the essence of the Good News; on the road or here at home.
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- Anthem "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" arr. Mosie Lister
 Jim Loveless, Karl Skala, Mike Pierson, Dennis Froeschner
- Sermon "A Cup of Cold Water" Rev. Phil Hodson

*Hymn

“New Patterns of Loving”

(insert)

*Affirmation of Faith (UCC Statement of Faith)

We believe in You, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to Your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in Your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by Your righteous will, declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, You have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death, reconciling the world to Yourself.

You bestow upon us Your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ; binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into Your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be Your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ’s baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust You forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, Your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in Your realm, which has no end. Blessing and honor, Glory and power be unto You. Amen.

Community Prayer & Silent Prayer;

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.

*Hymn

“Rise Up”

(insert)

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*

Offertory

Arr.

*Prayer of Dedication

Kennedy Lucas

Take these gifts, O God, and use them to bring peace and justice to Your world; that all Your children may be lifted up and affirmed, and nations wage war no more. Let Your reign of peace rule in Your cities, gracious God, and let these gifts help make that peaceful reign a reality. 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

Arr.

This morning, we are pleased to have the Rev. Phil Hodson as our special guest! Rev. Hodson is our Missouri Mid-South Conference Intentional Interim Conference Minister, a position he just began serving on June 1. Phil comes to us from the Pacific Northwest Conference, where he served as Designated Conference Minister. He graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Sales Management and from Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology with a Master of Divinity.

Phil has worked in both church planting and revitalization throughout his ministry, partnering with congregations in financial oversight, administrative reorganization, building campaigns, and community engagement. Welcome, Rev. Hodson!

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Kennedy Lucas
Song Leader:	Mike Pierson
Ushers:	Pat Forward & Jim Loveless
Greeters:	Jessica Lucas
Technology:	Carissa Graves & John Graves
Council Stewards:	Jessica Lucas & Mary Lorber

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Lydia Whitacre
Song Leader:	Mike Pierson
Ushers:	Audrey Lasley & Mary Lorber
Greeters:	Donna Marsh
Technology:	Brent Marcks & Ted Dachroeden
Council Stewards:	Sue Ann Schaefer & Allen Posz

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NURSERY CARE is available for children in kindergarten and younger in the educational wing. If you need help finding it, ask an usher!

COMO MISSION EXPERIENCE WELCOME

Youth and adult leaders from St. Peter's UCC in New Haven, MO are with us in worship today as part of the COMO Mission Experience! It is good to have you here with us!

SUMMER CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

The flooring project downstairs started last week, and will continue next week until July 3. Check out the finished floor next Sunday! The solar project should begin soon as well. This is an exciting summer around CUCC!

HEARTS FOR CARTS - 7/12

The annual Mobility Worldwide "Hearts for Carts" festival will be two weeks from today at the Farmer's Market Pavillion. There will be live music, food trucks, Broadway Brewery, and lots of carts; including our two, sponsored by CUCC. This is an annual fundraiser for Mobility Worldwide, supplying Mobility Carts around the world. Come join us at the festival!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 7/14 & 7/15

Get ready to blast off! This year's Vacation Bible School will be out of this world. Save the date for Tuesday July 14 and Wednesday, July 15 for two days full of cosmic Christian fun. Registration information for helpers and attendees is in the Friday email, and on our website. Questions? Ask Lena Muench.

ASHLAND PRIDE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - 7/18

CUCC will once again have a booth at the Ashland Pridefest on July 18 from 9:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. Members of CUCC will be present to hand out affirming information about our church, as well as to be a voice of joy in the community. If you can help, contact Ashley Ramirez or sign up in the rear of the Sanctuary.

QUESTIONS OF FAITH

On July 19, there will be no "sermon." On that day, Pastor Rick will be soliciting questions from all of you, and addressing (not necessarily "answering") them to the best of his ability! What have you always wondered about God, Jesus, the Bible, church history, etc.? Bring your questions!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	6/28	Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
		Decorating Mobility Carts	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
Mon	6/29	Women's Fellowship trip	9:30 a.m.
		Clergy Personnel Committee	10:00 a.m.
Tue	6/30	Quilters	10:00 a.m.
		Team Earth	5:30 p.m.
Fri	7/3	<i>Church Office Closed– Independence Day observed</i>	
Sun	7/5	Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week . . .

Kenny Holtgrewe... recovering from surgery (Marsha Posz's Father)
Mary Jane Johnson... health issues (Joe Remeika' Sister)
Cassandra Gartner... health issues (Edie's friend)

Students and staff at Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary . . . our Partner in Education

All those whose lives are affected by state sanctioned terrorism including:

Owen Ramsingh and family,
The family of Renee Good, The family of Alex Pretti,
Jack and Claudia (Pastor Rick's friends), and so many others

Our US Military... deployed in the Middle East

Health Issues:

Jeff Kies, Barry Kirchhoff, Glenn Duermeyer, Evie Marcks,
Fred Wilke (Alethea's Father), Julia Marsh (Donna Marsh's Daughter),
Kenny & Jane Holtgrewe (Marsha Posz's parents),
Mark & Connie Fairley, Cody Kile, Dr. Ryan Link;
Martha (friend of the Veteto family), Ken (Adam Veteto's Cousin);
Marilyn Coronado & Beverly Wilcox (Corinne Remeika's friends)

Challenges in Life:

Sheila, The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families, Jen Siebert

Living in Care Facilities:

Gary Ehrhardt, Vernie Blank, Julie Roper

Living in Independent Living Facilities:

Don Privitt, Sue Beckman, Linda Evans, Walter & Patty Schroeder

Serving us in the military:

Christopher Tennill, Dane Wilson, Aaron Dachroeden
Garrett Holtgrewe... (Marsh Posz's Nephew)

Pregnancies in our Church Family:

Chloe & Mark Eveler, Kristin & Adam Veteto

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*

*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 melbamaes@gmail.com
or Tricia Soncasie (314) 374-7477 tsoncasie@aol.com*

Genesis 22:1-14

1 After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”

2 He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.”

3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him.

4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away.

5 Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.”

6 Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together.

7 Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”

8 Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them walked on together.

9 When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood.

10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.

11 But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”

12 He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”

13 And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

14 So Abraham called that place “The LORD will provide,” as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

Matthew 10:5-15,40-42

5 These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town,

6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’

8 Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

9 Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, 10 no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food.

11 Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. 12 As you enter the house, greet it.

13 If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

14 If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town.

15 Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

40 “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.

41 Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous,

42 and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

C F C F G

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,

F C G7 C

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

New Patterns of Loving

Barbara Hamm

ST. DENIO

1. New pat - terns of lov - ing make room for new ways,
2. Our an - ces - try marks us with vis - i - ble signs;
3. God bless all the mo - thers and fa - thers to - day;

cre - at - ing new fam - ilies to care for and raise.
we bear in our bod - ies ge - net - ic de - signs.
help us to raise chil - dren to walk in God's way,

All those who have loved us and helped us to grow
But love, be - yond lim - its of gen - der or race,
to care for each oth - er as chil - dren of God,

are fam - ilies of choice by the car - ing they show.
can fash - ion new fam - ilies and new ways em - brace.
whose love is in - clu - sive, far - reach - ing, and broad.

Rise Up

Words and Music By
Kim Williams

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Em Em/D Cmaj7 B Em Bm/D

1. Rise up to - day and
(2. Reach) out to all hu -
(3. For) some the day has
(4. Re -) ceive God's love that

6 Em/C B Am9 B Em Bm/D

stand__ as one in love and u - ni - ty.____ Let's rec - og - nize each
man - i - ty for we de - fine the church.____ May we look in - ward
now__ ar - rived, the truth no long - er hides.____ The chains of hope - less -
nev - er fails, no rid - i - cule or blame.____ A love that will not

10 Em/C B Am B Em Am

child__ of God cre - at - ed beau - ti - f'ly.____ En - graved up - on God's
at__ the heart to see each per - son's worth.____ Our lov - ing - kind - ness
ness__ and fear, re - placed by joy and pride.____ May we rise up, to -
let__ us go, an ev - er - last - ing flame.____ Re - gard - less of i -

14 Em/G Am/F# B C

lov - ing hands, each one__ of us by name.____ Com - plete - ly known and
brings great hope to those__ in deep de - spair.____ We're called to be the
geth - er strong, em - brac - ing hu - man hearts.____ Pro - claim - ing God's great
den - ti - ty or sex - u - al - i - ty,____ Christ died for all and

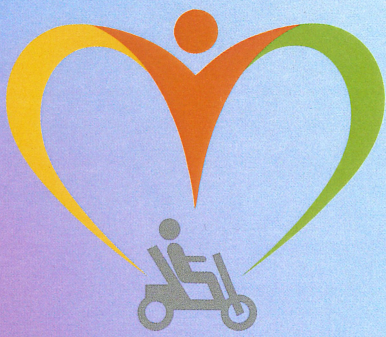
18 D2 Am9 B aug Em

loved by God, each beat - ing heart the same.
light of Christ, a bea - con ev - 'ry where.
love for all, with free - dom to im - part.
wel - comes all in - to e - ter - ni - ty.

**Optional
vocal interlude
(Rise*

21 Em Em/D Cmaj7 B Em

up!____ Rise up!____ In love and u - ni - ty!)____ Reach
For
Re - ty.



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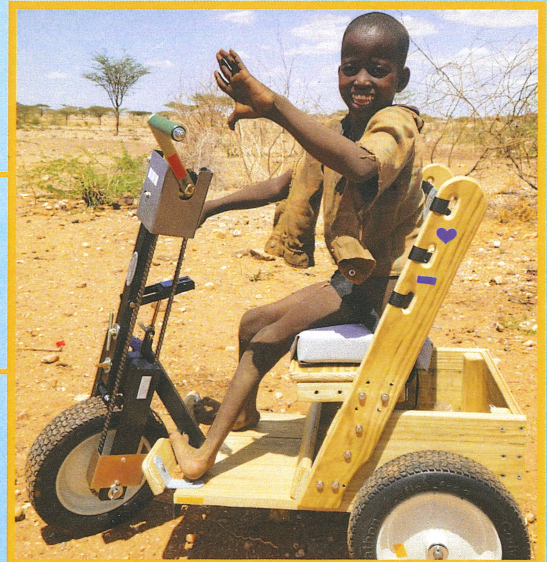
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