

Columbia United Church Of Christ

May 30, 2021
Trinity Sunday



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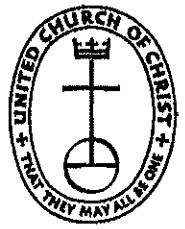
CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

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!

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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May 30, 2021

10:30 Worship

"Trinity"

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

*"...O LORD, how manifold are your works!
Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!
-Psalm 104:24,35*

Gathering Music

Amy Crousore

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Amy Crousore
Townsend/Hayes

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 29)

Audrey Lasley

Praise God's glory and strength;
Worship God in Holy splendor!

**God's voice is over the waters;
God's glory thunders from the deep.**

God's voice is powerful, full of majesty.
God's voice shakes the wilderness and strips the forests bare.

**God is enthroned over the waters;
God gives strength and blessing to God's people.**

Listen for the voice of God;
Calling out, blessing us and calling us by name.

**Our mouths will sing of God's praise for generations;
And we will bless God's Holy Name forever and ever.
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

(insert)

*Opening Prayer

Audrey Lasley

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer; God of many names; we come to you today trying to understand the complexities of your divine perspective. Like Nicodemus, we are shrouded in darkness; but we yearn for the light. Forgive us for our lack of understanding and open our minds that we may more fully understand the possibilities of your presence. Teach us expansive language, open concepts, and wonder; so we may more fully be open to the ways you meet us in the world. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

- *Assurance of Blessing Pastor Rick
 God comes to us in many ways; Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer and more. Yet we try to limit God's presence. God understands our human limitations, though and forgives us. Through our repentance and God's grace, we are forgiven of all our sins! We are God's beloved children; 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
Pastor Rick will offer the words, "May God's Peace be with You" and you are invited to respond with the words, "And also with you."
 May God's Peace be with you!
And also with you!
- Children's Time Pastor Rick
- Response "This Little Light of Mine" #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!
- Anthem "Come, All Ye People" Ed Rollins
 Djembe played by Matt Fetterly *Gondo*
- Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 6:1-8 Audrey Lasley
In this story of Isaiah's call to service, his perspective is shifted by a heavenly vision. Willing to change his perspective, he calls out to God, "Here I am; send me!" (pg. 553)
- Gospel Lesson John 3:1-10 Audrey Lasley
A Pharisee named Nicodemus comes to visit Jesus, and does not understand the complexities of the divine perspective Jesus advocates. Jesus questions his status as a teacher of Israel; not because he does not know, but because he is unwilling to learn. (pg. 863)
- *Hymn: "Praise with Joy the World's Creator" #273
- *Sermon: "Reflections of God" Pastor Rick
- *Hymn: "Womb of Life and Source of Being" #274

*Memorial Day Prayer (from UCC "Worship Ways")

Gracious God; on this Memorial Day weekend, we remember and give thanks for those who have given their lives in the service of our country. When the need was greatest, they stepped forward and embraced the role of servant leadership to defend the freedoms we enjoy, and to sacrifice for others.

O God, you yourself have taught us that no love is greater than that which gives itself for another. These honored saints gave the most precious gift they had, their very lives, for loved ones and neighbors; for people they did not even know; for us.

Help us honor their memory by caring for the family members they have left behind, by ensuring that their wounded comrades are properly cared for, by being watchful caretakers of the freedoms for which they gave their lives, and by demanding that no others follow them to a soldier's grave, unless the reason is worthy and the cause is just.

Holy One, help us to remember that freedom is not free. There are times when its cost is, indeed, dear. Never let us forget those who paid so terrible a price to ensure that freedom would be our legacy.

Though their names fade with passing generations, may we never forget what they have done. Help us to be worthy of their sacrifice; in Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

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; and 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

Pastor Rick

Presenting our Gifts

"On the Wings of Song"

Lucy Smith
Mendelssohn/Smith

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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 praise your Holy Name, glad praises we sing!*

*Prayer of Dedication

Audrey Lasley

Creator, Sustainer and Nurturer; Triune God whom we adore; you challenge us in many ways to do your work in the world. Through these gifts, we respond to your challenge. Take the gifts we offer today and let them be examples of our rebirth; born again not of the flesh, but of your Spirit. We thank you for our blessings as we give back to you; Amen.

*Benediction

Pastor Rick

*Response:

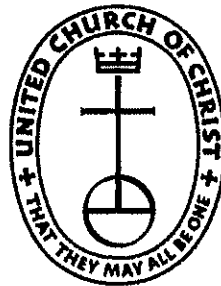
“Let There be Peace on Earth”

**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

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Amy Crousore
Hal Hopson



*If you try to fit God into your life,
You will never have time for God.
If you try to fit your life into God,
You will always have time for what matters.*

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Audrey Lasley
Acolyte:
Ushers: Don Helmerich
Greeters: Helen Schultz
Technology Booth: John Graves & Carissa Graves
Hospitality: Audrey Lasley
Council Steward: Sue Ann Schaefer



NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Judi Privitt
Acolyte: Abby Dennis
Ushers:
Greeters: Jolene Kirchoff
Technology Booth: Mike Pierson & Phillip Dennis
Hospitality: Stefanie Zimny
Council Stewards: Lorry Dreier/Kristy Odneal

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CORONAVIRUS VACCINE INFORMATION

The Boone County Health Department has a very helpful website with COVID-19 Vaccine information, answering questions about the safety and efficacy of the vaccines and dispelling misinformation that is being spread. Go to www.como.gov/covidvaccine/ to read up on the vaccine and hopefully answer any questions you may have. You can also schedule a vaccine at Hy-Vee or Walmart by visiting their websites. Let's all do our part to get **EVERYONE** vaccinated!

SUNDAY SCHOOL/ALL CHURCH PICNIC JUNE 6

Sunday, June 6 will be the last day of Sunday School for the academic year; and we will celebrate with some great classes! Pete Jaberg will be leading the Adult Class, discussing the flaws of "Conversion Therapy" and how it has affected youth detrimentally. Our younger classes will get a VBS preview, highlighting our VBS program for this Summer. In worship, we will be honoring our graduates. After worship, we will have our annual Sunday School Picnic, coordinated by the Fellowship & Hospitality Ministry Team. Plan now to be here!

DONUTS AND DIPLOMAS

Join us for a special reception for our High School Graduates on June 6 at 10:00am in the upstairs Gathering Space! The Nurture & Education Ministry Team will host a "Donuts and Diplomas" reception from 10:00-10:30 to honor them and their achievement. Be here to celebrate with them!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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| Sun | 5/30 | No Sunday School | |
| | | Worship (in person and livestream) | 10:30am |
| Mon | 5/31 | Memorial Day– church office closed | |
| Tue | 6/1 | Quilters | 9:00am |
| Wed | 6/2 | Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team | 6:30pm |
| Fri | 6/4 | Pastor Rick's Day off | |
| Sun | 6/6 | <i>Sunday School Picnic/VBS Preview/Senior Recognition</i> | |
| | | Sunday School | 9:00am |
| | | Worship (in person and livestream) | 10:30am |
| | | Sunday School Picnic | 11:30am |

*Worship Time Change to Summer Schedule-
Starting June 13 Worship is at 9:30am
Fellowship time at 9:00am
(No Sunday School)
Regular schedule resumes September 12*

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Helen Schultz... health issues
Glenn Duermeyer... recovering from knee surgery and complications

Beth Schoeneberg... health issues (Jason's mother)
Mary Rinne... living with cancer (Donna Marsh's daughter)

Esther Rollins... health issues (Ed's mother)
Amy... challenges in life (April Rothweiler's friend)
Sharon Tiemann... on hospice (April Rothweiler's Aunt)

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

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece);
Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Jason Wilhoit (Vena Long's friend);
Christine Mseke; Christie O'Very; Nathan Schnell;
Gary Johnson... recovering from non-Hodgkins lymphoma (Kelly Smith's father)
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)
Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends);
Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin); Cole Long (Vena's grandson)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Sean Amato... serving in Egypt

2021 Confirmation Class:

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

*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*

64 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Praise with Joy the World's Creator

The Iona Community, 1985; alt.

1 Praise with joy the world's Cre - a - tor, God of jus - tice,
 2 Praise to Christ who feeds the hun - gry, frees the cap - tive,
 3 Praise the Spir - it sent a - mong us, lib - er - a - ting
 4 Praise the Mak - er, Christ, and Spir - it, one God in Com -

love, and peace, Source and end of hu - man knowl - edge,
 finds the lost, Heals the sick, up - sets re - li - gion,
 truth from pride, Forg - ing bonds where race or gen - der,
 mu - ni - ty, Call - ing Christ - ians to em - bod - y

grace be - stow - ing with - out cease. Cel - e - brate the
 fear - less both of fate and cost. Cel - e - brate Christ's
 age or na - tion dare di - vide. Cel - e - brate the
 one - ness and di - ver - si - ty. Thus the world shall

Ma - ker's glo - ry, power to res - cue and re - lease.
 con - stant pres - ence— Friend and Strang - er, Guest and Host.
 Spir - it's trea - sure— fool - ish - ness none dare de - ride.
 yet be - lieve when shown Christ's vi - brant un - i - ty.

The Iona Community works and worships in a tenth-century abbey on the remote island of Iona, Scotland. Their output of hymns and songs includes this one written for the anniversary gathering of the World Student Christian Federation in Edinburgh in 1985.

Tune: LAUDA ANIMA (PRAISE MY SOUL)
 8.7.8.7.8
 John Goss, 11

Womb of Life, and Source of Being

John 1:14; 20:19-23

Ruth Duck, 1986, 1990

1 Womb of life, and source of be - ing, home of ev -
 2 Word in flesh, our broth - er Je - sus, born to bring
 3 Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part -
 4 Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fa - ther, Spir -

- ery rest - less heart, in your arms the worlds a -
 us sec - ond birth, you have come to stand be -
 - ner, be our friend. When our mem - ory fails, re -
 - it, On - ly Son: we would praise your name for -

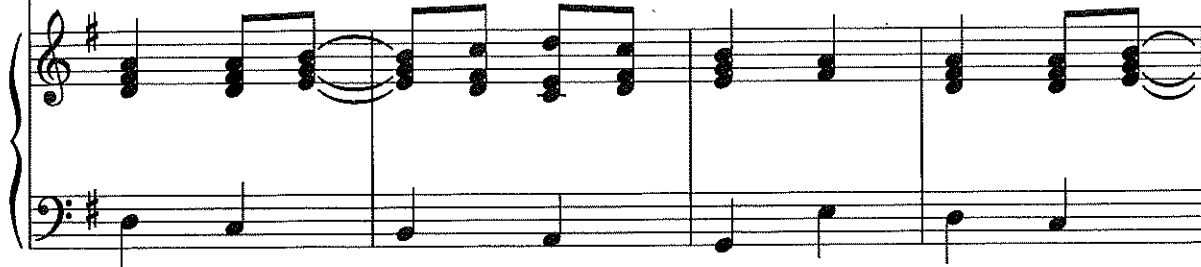
wak - ened; you have loved us from the start.
 side us, know - ing weak - ness, know - ing earth.
 mind us whose we are, what we in - tend.
 ev - er, one - in - three, and three - in - one.

This hymn, which mixes old and new metaphors to express faith and praise to God, known to us as Source, Word, and Spirit (and many other names!), borrows a phrase from Charles Wesley: "Born to give us second birth." According to Ruth Duck, Trinitarian theology provides a model for the life of community.

Tune: LADUE CHAPEL 8.7.8.7.D.
 Ronald Arnatt, 1968
 Alternate tunes: HYMN TO JOY; CENTRAL



We, your chil - dren, gath - er 'round you, at the ta -
 Priest who shares our hu - man strug - gles, Life of Life,
 La - bor with us, aid the birth - ing of the new
 We would share your life, your pas - sion, share your word



- ble you pre - pare. Shar - ing stor - ies, tears, and
 and Death of Death, Ris - en Christ, come stand a -
 world yet to be, Free of ser - vant, lord, and
 of world made new, Ev - er sing - ing, ev - er



laugh - ter, we are nur - tured by your care.
 mong us, send the Spir - it by your breath.
 mas - ter, free for love and u - ni - ty.
 prais - ing, one with all, and one with you.

