

Welcome To CCUCC

*Our mission is to welcome all into a loving, progressive faith community,
knowing our actions reflect our Christian values:
to question and explore beliefs and assumptions,
to strive for peace and justice, and
to care actively for the earth, our community, and one another.*

The 8 Points of Progressive Christianity

progressivechristianity.org (2003 Version)

By calling ourselves progressive Christians, we mean we are Christians who...

1. Have found an approach to God through the life and teachings of Jesus;
2. Recognize the faithfulness of other people who have other names for the way to God's realm, and acknowledge that their ways are true for them, as our ways are true for us;
3. Understand the sharing of bread and wine in Jesus' name to be a representation of an ancient vision of God's feast for all peoples;
4. Invite all people to participate in our community and worship life without insisting that they become like us in order to be acceptable (including but not limited to):
 - believers and agnostics,
 - conventional Christians and questioning skeptics,
 - women and men,
 - those of all sexual orientations and gender identities,
 - those of all races and cultures,
 - those of all classes and abilities,
 - those who hope for a better world and those who have lost hope,
 - without imposing on them the necessity of becoming like us;
5. Know that the way we behave toward one another and toward other people is the fullest expression of what we believe;
6. Find more grace in the search for meaning than in absolute certainty, in the questions than in the answers;
7. Form ourselves into communities dedicated to equipping one another for the work we feel called to do: striving for peace and justice among all people, protecting and restoring the integrity of all God's creation, and bringing hope to those Jesus called the least of his sisters and brothers;
8. Who recognize that being followers of Jesus is costly, and entails selfless love, conscientious resistance to evil, and renunciation of privilege.

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THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Monday, June 13

Justice & Witness 6:30

Tuesday, June 14

Congregational Life 7pm

Thursday, June 16

Office closed



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

June 12, 2022

10:30 am



God gives us hope in a way that no human agent can. Among humans, Murphy's law operates: Anything that can go wrong will. But at the divine level, there is another, opposite law: Anything that should be set right sooner or later will.

—Harold Kushner



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Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude *Pavan III* Seth Hull, guitar
Luis Milán

Welcome Steve Van Kuiken
God is with you.
And also with you.

***Invitation to Worship:** Jann Hill

God has been acting in our lives and in the world around us this past week.

We have come for this hour of worship to make ourselves more aware of God and to give thanks for God's presence with us.

God is here even now, ready to strengthen us and to urge us to greater faithfulness.

Fill us with your goodness, O God. Draw us into the orbit of your activity in the world that we might fulfill the purposes for which you created us.

***Hymn** *God Is Truly with Us* #68

Prayer for Wholeness

God of love and perfect peace, we confess to you that we are less than we can be. Anger and thoughts of revenge often get the best of us. Self-hatred eats away from within. Remove from us false pride, shame and every obstacle to our continued growth in your ways.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Special Music *Nubes de Buenos Aires* Ginny Hauser, flute
Máximo Diego Pujol Seth Hull, guitar

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Silent Meditation

Ancient Witness Genesis 45: 1-15 Jann Hill

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, "Have everyone leave my presence!" So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next

five years there will be no plowing and reaping. But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. Now hurry back to my father and say to him, 'This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay. You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.'" You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly." Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

Sermon *Not A Controlling God* Steve Van Kuiken

***Hymn** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* #286

Responding to Live Faithfully

Prayers of the People & the Jesus Prayer

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.
Amen †
*-The Lord's Prayer Adapted in A New Zealand Prayer Book***

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Courante* Seth Hull, guitar
Silvius Leopold Weiss

For the month of June, the loose cash offering will go to Community Action Center (CAC).

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *O for a World* #575

*Benediction/Passing of the Peace

*Please stand if you are able.

† As an inclusive and open faith community, we attempt to convey gender inclusive images, terms, and language of God.

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Announcements

Coffee Hour is back! Come to Brewster Hall before worship for coffee and conversation. We are asking that there be no coffee cups in the sanctuary during worship. Please leave them in Brewster Hall for after-worship coffee and goodies. The Council has decided we will continue wearing masks in worship for the time being.

The next Adopt-A-Highway is today, Sunday, June 12th. Meet at the church at 1:00 pm.

Come to the celebration of Juneteenth, commemorating the end of slavery in the United States and the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans. Sunday June 19, 1-4 pm at Reaney Park. Book and art tables, Poetry Slam, free food from Lunberyard. Keynote speaker: Kiantha Duncan, President of Spokane NAACP.

Celebration Sunday during coffee hour, Sunday, June 26th. These past two years we probably missed wishing you happy birthday, happy anniversary, congratulations on your retirement, getting a new job or arrival of a grandchild. So now is the time to share these joys. We will have special cupcakes and punch at coffee hour. If possible, bring a picture, and a note, telling about your celebrations. Put them on the table in Brewster Hall. Please join Dick and Nancy Mack - Gary and Sue Schell who celebrate their 50th wedding Anniversaries on June 17th for a Celebration Sunday.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help deliver Meals on Wheels June 16-July 8.

One of the Afghan refugees (Fatima) is in need of sewing supplies. Carl and Ginny are offering her a sewing machine but she will be needing any supplies you'd like to donate: fabric scissors, thread, needles, sewing machine needles, pins, etc. If you sew, you know what would be helpful. I think this would be a great month-long project for our church to gather helpful sewing supplies and/or gift cards to Joann fabrics. Please look at what you have that you might want to share or pick up something that would help someone get started sewing when they have no supplies with them. Even a child-safe sewing supplies box might be helpful. There will be a box in the Narthex to drop off donations.

CCUCC t-shirts have arrived! If you ordered a shirt(s) you may pick it up in Brewster Hall today or on June 19th. If you need another time, contact Mary Carloye at 509-332-9229 or mcarloye@completebbs.com. Leave exact cash or check made out to CCUCC (note "t-shirt" in memo line) and leave in the basket.