

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

Wednesday, June 29

Office closed



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

June 26, 2022

10:30 am



The worse thing we can do with a dilemma is to resolve it prematurely because we haven't the courage to live with uncertainty.



If you do not wish to keep this bulletin, please recycle it. Thanks.

Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude *Rêves d'été (Summer Dreams)* Seth Hull, guitar
Michael Yukich

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

***Invitation to Worship:** Tricia Grantham

In the midst of hunger and war
We celebrate the promise of plenty and peace.
In the midst of oppression and tyranny
We celebrate the promise of service and freedom.
In the midst of doubt and despair
We celebrate the promise of faith and hope.
In the midst of fear and betrayal
We celebrate the promise of joy and loyalty.
In the midst of hatred and death
We celebrate the promise of love and life.
In the midst of brokenness and decay
We celebrate the promise of wholeness and renewal.
In the midst of death on every side
We celebrate the promise of the Divine Presence.

***Hymn** *Calm Soul of All Things* (insert)

Prayer for Wholeness

O God, you have made us a pilgrim people whose hope and strength is in you.
You have made us to live in unity as sisters and brothers.
Forgive us the pride that divides us, the selfishness that shatters our oneness.
From the shreds of a weak and tattered humanity weave together a new community of peace.
From pride that turns its back on you; O God, deliver us.
From the vanity of materialism, and from uncompromising self-righteousness, from the lust for money and power, and from trusting in weapons of war; O God, deliver us.
From everything in our lives that destroys, oppresses or kills; O God, deliver us.
We pray for peace and healing in our time.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Special Music *Nature Boy* Guy Worthey, voice
eden ahbez Seth Hull, guitar

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Silent Meditation

Ancient Witness Ecclesiastes 1:1-18 Tricia Grantham

The words of the Teacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.
What do people gain from all the toil
at which they toil under the sun?
A generation goes, and a generation comes,
but the earth remains forever.
The sun rises, and the sun goes down
and hurries to the place where it rises.
The wind blows to the south
and goes around to the north;
round and round goes the wind,
and on its circuits the wind returns.
All streams run to the sea,
but the sea is not full;
to the place where the streams flow,
there they continue to flow.
All things are wearisome,
more than one can express;
the eye is not satisfied with seeing
or the ear filled with hearing.
What has been is what will be,
and what has been done is what will be done;
there is nothing new under the sun.
Is there a thing of which it is said,
“See, this is new”?
It has already been
in the ages before us.
The people of long ago are not remembered,
nor will there be any remembrance
of people yet to come
by those who come after them.

I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

What is crooked cannot be made straight,
and what is lacking cannot be counted.

I said to myself, “I have acquired great wisdom, surpassing all who were over Jerusalem before me, and my mind has had great experience of wisdom and knowledge.” And I applied my mind to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is but a chasing after wind.

For in much wisdom is much vexation,
and those who increase knowledge increase sorrow.

Sermon The Search for Meaning: 1. Chasing After the Wind Steve Van Kuiken

***Hymn** *Life is the Greatest Gift of All* (insert)

Responding to Live Faithfully

Prayers of the People & the Jesus Prayer

**Our Mother and Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen. †**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Blowin' in the Wind* Jenn Hackman, voice
Bob Dylan Seth Hull, guitar

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

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** Take My Life, God, Let It Be #448

*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

Celebration Sunday is during coffee hour today. We will have special cupcakes and Herb Hill will be taking pictures. The Council has decided we will continue wearing masks in worship for the time being.

Steve will be doing a series based on Ecclesiastes for the next three Sundays. The title of the series is "The Search for Meaning". The following are the titles for each week: June 26 - The Search for Meaning: 1. Chasing After the Wind; July 3 - The Search for Meaning: 2. Accepting the Inevitable; July 10 - The Search for Meaning: 3. Between Egypt and the Promised Land.

Our Congregational Life team is planning to host a Welcome UCC Friends Get-together at Pullman's Reaney Park on July 13th, weather permitting. It is a regularly scheduled Parks 'n Rec 6 PM Concert In the Park night, featuring our Community Band, and we thought what a fun event to share! Everyone is encouraged to meet a little before that (Look for the picnic table with our sign on it) to set up their own chairs and whatever food and drink they care to bring. Our Congregational Life Team will provide dessert! Hopefully, this will be a great evening for everyone to enjoy a fun night of fellowship and music.

Circles of Caring is looking for Bingo prizes such as knick knacks, small decorative items, stuffed animals, crafting supplies, drawing and/or coloring supplies, hats, jewelry, blankets, and toiletry items. There will be a box in the narthex to collect these items.