

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.

We acknowledge that we stand on land stolen from Native and Indigenous people. We are on Nimipuu land and we recognize that they were the first people here.

We acknowledge that we benefit from the prosperity of the United States, which was built on the labor of enslaved people.

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THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Monday, July 11

Justice & Witness 6:30pm

Tuesday, July 12

Congregational Life 7pm

Wednesday, July 13

Office closed

Picnic at Reaney 6pm

Palouse CORE 6pm



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

July 10, 2022

10:30 am



Millions long for immortality who do not know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon.

—Susan Ertz



Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude *Wade in the Water* Seth Hull
trad

Welcome Steve Van Kuiken

God is with you.
And also with you.

***Invitation to Worship:** Charlene Toews

Plug they low sensual ear, which stuffs like cotton
Thy conscience and makes deaf thine inward ear.
**Be without ear, without sense, without thought,
And hearken to the call of God, "Return!"**
Our speech and action is the outer journey,
Our inner journey is above the sky
**The body travels on its dusty way;
The spirit walks, like Jesus, on the sea.**

(Rumi)

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

Prayer for Wholeness

**Eternal, loving God:
I am only one; but still I am one.
I cannot do everything; but still, I can do something.
And because I cannot do everything,
I will not refuse to do the something I can do.**

(Edward Hale)

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Special Music *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* Kathy Spencer
trad. Seth Hull
Ginny Hauser
Carl Hauser

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Silent Meditation

Ancient Witness Ecclesiastes 9: 1-10 Charlene Toews

All this I laid to heart, examining it all, how the righteous and the wise and their deeds are in the hand of God; whether it is love or hate one does not know. Everything that confronts them is vanity, since the same fate comes to all, to the righteous and the wicked, to the good and the evil, to the clean and the unclean, to those who sacrifice and those who do not sacrifice. As are the good, so are the sinners; those who swear are like those who shun an oath. This is an evil in all

that happens under the sun, that the same fate comes to everyone. Moreover, the hearts of humans are full of evil; madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead. But whoever is joined with all the living has hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion. The living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing; they have no more reward, and even the memory of them is lost. Their love and their hate and their envy have already perished; never again will they have any share in all that happens under the sun.

Go, eat your bread with enjoyment and drink your wine with a merry heart, for God has long ago approved what you do. Let your garments always be white; do not let oil be lacking on your head. Enjoy life with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life that are given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun. Whatever your hand finds to do, do with your might, for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going.

Sermon The Search for Meaning: Between Egypt and the Promised Land
Steve Van Kuiken

***Hymn** *When Israel Was in Egypt's Land* #572

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 *Roll, Jordan, Roll* Seth Hull
trad. Diane Worthey
Guy Worthey

For the month of July, the loose cash offering will go to support Planned Parenthood and their efforts to provide reproductive care for those in need.

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* #472

*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.

There's still time to get a CCUCC t-shirt! They are \$30 each. Please make check out to CCUCC or provide exact change to Julie in the main office Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact the office for sizes/types available.

There will be a celebration for Alice Kramer and her fantastic life with a memorial potluck picnic at Klemgard Park on July 23 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages and of course one of Alice's favorite desserts, ice cream! Please bring a side dish and great memories of Alice to share. This outstanding woman lived in an attitude of warmth and love, and that is how she would want to be remembered. Smiles will mark the time so our sadness can be set aside as we celebrate. Alice, who passed away April 19, 2022, was a beloved long-time active member of the CCUCC congregation. Please call or text Tammy Kramer at 907.723.0285 to let us know you'll be able to join us.