

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

Tuesday, July 19

Outreach 10am

Wednesday, July 20

Office closed

Thursday, July 21

Congregational Care 1:30pm

Saturday, July 23

Alice Kramer Memorial Picnic @ Klemgard 12pm



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

July 17, 2022

10:30 am



When we learn to fall, we learn that only by letting go our grip on all that we ordinarily find most precious—our achievements, our plans, our loved ones, our very selves—can we find, ultimately, the most profound freedom. In the act of letting go of our lives, we return more fully to them.

—Philip Simmons, *Learning to Fall*



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Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude *Farewell to Whiskey* Seth Hull, guitar
Neil Gow arr. Michael Wood

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

***Invitation to Worship:** Beth Waddel

Look, the trees are turning their own bodies into pillars of light,
Are giving off the rich fragrance of cinnamon and fulfillment,
The long tapers of cattails are bursting and floating away over the blue
shoulders of the ponds,
And every pond, no matter what its name is, is nameless now.
Every year everything I have ever learned in my lifetimes leads back to
this:
The fires and the black river of loss whose other side is salvation,
whose meaning none of us will ever know.
To live in this world you must be able to do three things:
To love what is mortal;
To hold it against your bones knowing your own life depends on it;
And, when the time comes to let it go, to let it go.

(Mary Oliver, "In Blackwater Woods")

***Hymn** *God Is My Shepard* #479

Prayer for Wholeness

**O God, who gave us birth, you know our needs before we ask, and
our ignorance in asking.
Show us now your grace, that as we face the mystery of death we
may see the light of eternity.
Speak to us once more your solemn message of life and of death.
Help us to live as those who
are prepared to die. And when our days here are ended, enable us to
die as those who go forth
to live, so that living or dying, our life may be in Christ.**

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Special Music *Goin' Home* Anjuli Dodhia, voice
Anton Dvorak

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Silent Meditation

Ancient Witness Genesis 3:17-19 Beth Waddel

And to Adam God said,
"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,
and have eaten of the tree
about which I commanded you,
'You shall not eat of it,'
cursed is the ground because of you;
in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.
By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread
until you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
you are dust,
and to dust you shall return."

Sermon Learning to Die Steve Van Kuiken

***Hymn** *What Wondrous Love is This* (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 *When I'm Gone* Steve Van Kuiken, voice
Phil Ochs

*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** *Pues si vivimos (In All Our Living)* #499
(English verses)

*Benediction/Passing of the Peace

***Postlude** *Ashokan Farewell* Diane Worthey, violin
arr. Jay Ungar

*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.

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.

Thank you to our Meals on Wheels volunteers. We helped deliver more than 230
meals June 16-July 8. Watch for announcements in January to sign up for our winter
deliveries February 16-28. Contact Wanda Terry with questions.
wandaterry@yahoo.com or 509-595-0450 cell.

Bring us your favorite hymns, songs and poetry! At the worship service on July 31st,
we will try our best to honor your requests. Please e-mail Ginny Hauser at:
ginny.hauser@gmail.com or Tricia Grantham at: tricia.grantham@gmail.com with
your selections. We will likely have space in the service for 12 songs, so 1st come, 1st
sung! The deadline for requests is Tuesday, July 19th.