

# 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](http://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.*

## Community Congregational

### United Church of Christ

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#### 2022/23 Church Council

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#### THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

##### Monday, August 22

Council meeting 7pm

##### Tuesday, August 23

Outreach 10am

##### Wednesday, August 24

Office closed

##### Thursday, August 25

Congregational Care 1:30pm



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

August 21, 2022

10:30 am



*The first truth is that the liberty of a democracy is not safe if the people tolerate the growth of private power to a point where it becomes stronger than their democratic state itself. That, in its essence, is fascism—ownership of government by an individual, by a group, or by any other controlling private power.*

—Franklin Delano Roosevelt

*When fascism comes to the United States, it will be wrapped in a flag and carrying a cross.*

—Sinclair Lewis



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## Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

**Prelude** *Freiheit* Samuel Leeper  
Pete Seeger

**Welcome** Steve Van Kuiken

God is with you.  
**And also with you.**

**\*Invitation to Worship:** Tricia Grantham

With what shall we come before the Holy One, and bow ourselves before God on high?  
**Shall we come before God with burnt offering, with calves a year old?**  
God has showed you, O people, what is good; and what does the Holy One require of you?  
**To do justice, and love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.**

**\*Hymn** *God is Truly with Us* #68

### Prayer for Wholeness

**God, our Maker, you led people to this land, and, out of conflict, created in us a love for peace and liberty. We have often failed you by neglecting rights and restricting freedoms. Forgive pride that overlooks national wrong, or justifies injustice. Forgive divisions caused by prejudice or greed. Have mercy, O God, on the heart of this land. Make us compassionate, fair and helpful to each other. Raise up in us a right patriotism that sees and seeks the common good.**

*(Silent Prayer)*

### Assurance of Grace

**Special Music** *What Does the Lord Require Of You* (sung as a round)  
John Strathdee

1. What does the Lord require of you?  
What does the Lord require of you?

2. Justice, kindness,  
walk humbly with your God.

3. To seek justice, and love kindness,  
and walk humbly with your God.

## Connecting with Sacred Stories

### Silent Meditation

**Ancient Witness** Revelation 13: 1-4 Tricia Grantham

The dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on its horns, and on each head a blasphemous name. The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority. One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was filled with wonder and followed the beast. People worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can wage war against it?"

**Sermon** *Christofascism* Steve Van Kuiken

**\*Hymn** *O God of Earth and Alter* #582

## 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** *They Will Not Lend Me a Child* Kathy Spencer  
Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

*For the month of August, the loose cash offering will go to support Inland Oasis.*

## Sent with Love into the World

**\*Hymn** *God of Grace and God of Glory* #436

### \*Benediction/Passing of the Peace

### \*Postlude

\*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

The Council has decided we will continue wearing masks in worship for the time being.

Our N-Sid-Sen weekend Fall retreat is back! Save September 16-18 for a weekend of relaxation and fun with our CCUCC crew and members of the Richland UCC. See weekly update for the link to register.

NEW DATE: Party in the Parking Lot! Save the date: Sunday, Sept. 11th, 3-5 pm. Come celebrate Fall and a new semester with your CCUCC friends and neighbors. We will turn our parking lot into an event venue with lots of conversation, live music, fire pits, snacks and s'mores! Come join in the fun.

INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH SUNDAY IS COMING! September 11<sup>th</sup> is being planned as a special Sunday to focus on inviting friends you know to come join us for a regular worship service followed by coffee and fellowship. They will be greeted with warmth and interest, but no pressure. If they wish more information, they can plan a meeting with Pastor Steve and learn more about our beliefs. See weekly update for more information.

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.

CCUCC will soon become a sponsor of Northwest Public Broadcasting! Please see the weekly update for more information on how you can help.

Volunteers needed for football parking at CCUCC. It's time to sign up if you'd like to help collect donations from football fans who use the CCUCC parking lot on game days. See the weekly update for more info and link to sign up.