

# 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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#### THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

**Friday, September 2**

Office closed



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## United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

August 28, 2022

10:30 am



*We are already one, and we imagine that we are not. And what we need to recover is our original unity.*

—Thomas Merton



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# Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

**Prelude** *Kum Ba Yah* Kathy Spencer  
arr. Dennis R. Johnson

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

**\*Invitation to Worship:** Nancy Mack

Then I was standing on the highest mountain of them all,  
**And round beneath me was the whole hoop of the world.**  
And while I stood there I saw more than I can tell  
**And I understood more than I saw.**  
For I was seeing in the sacred manner the shape of all things of the spirit  
**And the shapes as they must live together like one being.**  
And I saw that the sacred hoop of my people was one of many hoops that  
make one circle, wide as daylight and starlight,  
**And in the center grew one mighty flowering tree**  
To shelter all the children of one mother and one father.  
**And I saw that it was holy.**

*(Black Elk)*

**\*Hymn** *De colores (Sing of Colors)* #402  
(English verses)

## Prayer for Wholeness

**Grandfather, Grandmother—look at our brokenness. We know that in all creation only the human family has strayed from the Sacred Way. We know that we are the ones who are divided, and we are the ones who must come back together to walk the Sacred Way. Holy One, teach us love, compassion and honor that we may heal the earth and heal each other.**

*(Ojibway Prayer)*

*(Silent Prayer)*

## Assurance of Grace

**Special Music** *He Ain't Heavy...He's My Brother* Sam Leeper, baritone  
Bob Russell and Bobby Scott

# Connecting with Sacred Stories

## Silent Meditation

**Ancient Witness** 1 John 4 (selected verses) Nancy Mack

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Those who say, "I love God," and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from God is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

**Sermon** *Becoming One* Steve Van Kuiken

**\*Hymn** *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life* #331

# 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** *Celtic Garden* Diane Worthey, violin  
David Arkenstone Ginny Hauser, flute  
arr. Seth Hull

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

# Sent with Love into the World

**\*Hymn** *They'll Know We Are Christians* (insert)

## \*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, a live jazz combo featuring pianist/vocalist Kate Skinner, 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.

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.

Letters to your Nicaraguan student can be placed in the basket in the narthex before August 30th.

CCUCC can now be heard as an underwriting sponsor on Northwest Public Broadcasting. We have spots that run on Wednesdays and Thursdays that advertise us as a NWPB sponsor and a progressive and inclusive church in Pullman. We need your help to support this effort. Talk to Nancy Mack to learn how you can help!

Our new website is LIVE! Check out the new, refreshed and contemporary design at [www.pullmanucc.org](http://www.pullmanucc.org). It's easier to navigate and has testimonials from CCUCC members. If you'd like to be featured, let Megan know.

Adopt-A-Highway is today. Meet at the church at 1pm.