

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 Nimtipuu 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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Justice and Witness Team: Ginny Hauser

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THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Monday, September 5

Labor Day-office closed

Wednesday, September 7

Office closed

Sunday, September 11

Invite a Friend to Church

Party in the Parking Lot, 3-5pm



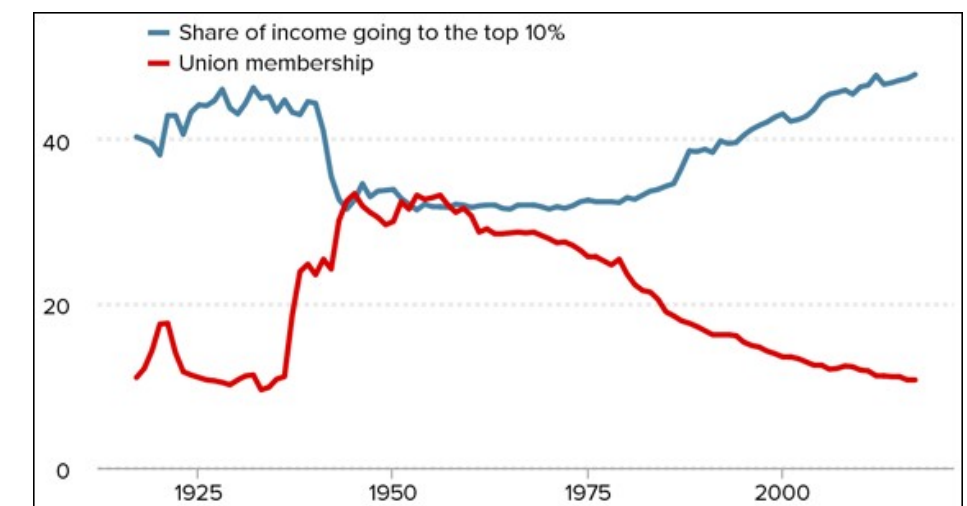
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United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

September 4, 2022

10:30 am



The 21st General Synod reaffirms the heritage of the United Church of Christ as an advocate for democratic, participatory, and inclusive economic policies in both public and private sectors including...the responsibility of workers to organize unions for collective bargaining with employers regarding wages, benefits, and working conditions; and to participate in efforts further to democratize, reform and expand the labor movement domestically and abroad.

—Resolution Affirming Democratic Principles in an Emerging Global Economy, 1997



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Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude *Dignity* Kathy Spencer
Joseph M. Martin

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

***Invitation to Worship** (from Jeremiah) Charlene Toews

Woe to those who build their houses by unrighteousness,
And their upper rooms by injustice.
Who make their neighbors work for nothing,
And does not give them their wages;
Did not your ancestors eat and drink and do justice and righteousness?
Then it was well with them.
“Is this not to know me?” says our God.

***Hymn** *As We Gather at Your Table* #332

Prayer for Wholeness

Creator God, we confess that we have allowed work to become a curse whenever our relationship with you is broken. We do not use our labor to support the weak, but often we work to store up for ourselves treasures on earth. We are not always mindful of the dignity of others who labor and of the right to live by the sweat of one's own brow. O God, restore us to the labor of your kingdom.

Special Music *Mr. Businessman* Kathy Spencer
Ray Stevens Samuel Leeper

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Silent Meditation

Ancient Witness Deuteronomy 24:10-15 Charlene Toews

“When you make your neighbor a loan of any kind, you shall not go into the house to take the pledge. You shall wait outside while the person to whom you are making the loan brings the pledge out to you. If the person is poor, you shall not sleep in the garment given you as the pledge. You shall give the pledge back by sunset, so that your neighbor may sleep in the cloak and bless you, and it will be to your credit before the Lord your God.

“You shall not withhold the wages of poor and needy laborers, whether other Israelites or aliens who reside in your land in one of your towns. You shall pay them their wages daily before sunset, because they are poor and their livelihood depends on them; otherwise they might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt.”

Sermon *Labor Day and Faith* Steve Van Kuiken

***Hymn** *Jesus, Our Divine Companion* (insert)

Celebration of Communion

Invitation

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. †

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

After Communion Prayer

Responding to Live Faithfully

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *16 Tons* Carl Hauser
Merle Travis

For the month of September, the loose cash offering will go toward Family Promise of the Palouse which provides housing for homeless families with children.

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *Solidarity Forever* (insert)
(sung to *Battle Hymn of the Republic*)

Benediction/Passing of the Peace

*Prelude

*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 11th 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.

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. It's easier to navigate and has testimonials from CCUCC members. If you'd like to be featured, let Megan know.

Jo Ivestor, award winning author, LGBTQ and civil rights advocate, Thursday, September 15, 7:00 pm at CCUCC. Jo focuses on raising awareness about the transgender community. This event is sponsored by the League of Women Voters and supported by CCUCC.