### 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.

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#### THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Tuesday, April 19

Council Meeting 7pm

Wednesday, April 27

Office Closed



# Community Congregational United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

April 24, 2022

10:30 am



If you believe, as many believers do, in a politically engaged spirituality, and you're trying to save the environment...and if you're an American trying to temper patriotic fervor with a healthy dose of national humility, you're bound at times to feel like quitting. But Jesus never allowed his soul to be conquered by despair, and if it was to those furthest from the seats of power that he said "You are the salt of the earth...you are the light of the world." Who then are we to quit "fighting the good fight of faith?"

—William Sloane Coffin



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### Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

**Prelude** Courante

Silvius Leopold Weiss

Welcome Steve Van Kuiken

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

\*Invitation to Worship: Tricia Grantham

(from a letter from Chief Seattle to President Polk in 1852)

This we know: The earth does not belong to humankind; **Humankind belongs to the earth.** 

All things are connected like the blood that unites us all.

Humankind did not weave the web of life,

It is merely a strand in it.

Whatever one does to the web, one does to oneself.

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\*Hymn

God Is My Shepherd #479

#### **Prayer for Wholeness**

O God, Blossom of Love, give us courage and an open spirit as we consider the life and teachings of Jesus. In our prayer, in our silence, in our listening and in our conversations, may we feel your invitational embrace beckoning us to fullness of life, where we celebrate beauty and engage the causes of suffering.

(Silent Prayer)

**Assurance of Grace** 

Special Music

*In Paradisum* Gabriel Fauré

Ginny Hauser, flute Kathy Spencer, piano

Seth Hull, guitar

## Connecting with Sacred Stories

#### **Silent Meditation**

Ancient Witness (

Genesis 7-9, 15

Tricia Grantham

Then God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food...

God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

**Sermon** To Save the Planet We Must Save Democracy

\*Hymn Thank You, God #559

## Responding to Live Faithfully

**Moment for Mission** 

Environmental Justice Faith Into Action Group

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

Allmayne
Robert Johnson

Seth Hull, guitar

Steve Van Kuiken

For the month of April, the loose cash offering will go toward the One Great Hour of Sharing for disaster relief and refugee assistance.

#### Sent with Love into the World

\*Hymn

O for a World

#575

\*Benediction/Passing of the Peace

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#### Announcements

Coffee Hour is back! Come to Brewster Hall before worship for coffee and conversation. We are asking that there be no coffee cups in the sanctuary during worship. Please leave them in Brewster Hall for after-worship coffee and goodies. The Council has decided we will continue wearing masks in worship for the time being.

Camp N Sid Sen is open for registration for summer camp! Go to <u>n-sid-sen.org</u> to register. The Faith Development Team is offering scholarships of \$100 for children and youth for families who are both members and nonmembers of CCUCC. If you are interested, please contact Bill Condon at <u>bcondon@wsu.edu</u>.

Calling all CCUCC Youth and friends to join Corey Johnson for a JL Creative (<a href="https://jlcreative4.squarespace.com/">https://jlcreative4.squarespace.com/</a>) Learning Community program. This series will take place during the first four Sundays of May (1, 8, 15, 22), from 10:30-11:30am, at the church. We'll engage in fun activities and discussion as we experience spiritual growth. If you'd like to sign up or have questions, please contact Corey at <a href="mailto:mjohnson34227@roadrunner.com">mjohnson34227@roadrunner.com</a>.

The next Membership Class will be held after worship on the four Sundays of **April 24 to May 15.** This is required for those becoming members here at CCUCC. The class is designed to help people understand what church membership is and whether it is something they want to do. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Steve.

Adopt-A-Highway--The first Highway pick up will be Sunday, April 24 2022 (the Sunday following Earth Day). Meet at the church Parking Lot at 1:00 PM.

**EVERY VOTE MUST COUNT!** The next CCUCC Vote Forward letter writing event will be held after church on Sunday, May 1, 2022. Pizza will be provided. Please join us!

As of April 20, we've collected 525 pounds of plastic film so now we're eligible to receive a bench from Trex. More details will be available after the collection total is submitted at the end of April. Thank you for helping with this recycling effort to keep plastic film out of the landfill! Not all plastic can be recycled. Check the complete list of plastic film that can be recycled at <a href="trex.com/recycling">trex.com/recycling</a>.

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand if you are able.

 $<sup>\</sup>dagger$  As an inclusive and open faith community, we attempt to convey gender inclusive images, terms, and language of God.