

# 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.

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Justice and Witness Team: Ginny Hauser

Outreach Team: Nancy Mack

### THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

#### Sunday, May 15

Membership class 11:45am

#### Tuesday, May 17

Building & Grounds 1:30pm

#### Wednesday, May 18

Shared Ministry 10am

Office closed

#### Sunday, May 22

Congregational Meeting 11:30am



## Community Congregational United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

May 15, 2022

10:30 am



*"The last temptation is the greatest treason  
To do the right deed for the wrong reason."  
—T. S. Eliot*

*Create in me a pure heart, O God.  
— Psalm 51:10*



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# Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

**Prelude** *For the Beauty of the Earth* Ginny Hauser, flute  
John Rutter Mary Carloye, piano

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

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

Everything as it moves, now and then, here and there, makes pauses.  
**The bird as it flies stops on one place to make its nest and in another to rest in its flight.**  
In the same way, God has paused as well.  
**The sun, which is so bright and beautiful, is one place where God has paused.**  
The moon, the stars, the winds; God has been with them, too.  
**The trees, the animals, are all places where God has stopped, leaving the touch of the Holy in all these things.**  
We, too, have had God pause in us. We too have the Holy touch in our beings.  
**Let us now pause ourselves, and listen for the voice of God on our hearts.**  
*(Lakota teachings)*

**\*Hymn** *We Gather Together* #421

## 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

**Anthem** *Morning Has Broken* CCUCC Choir  
Cat Stephens

# Connecting with Sacred Stories

## Silent Meditation

**Ancient Witness** Matthew 23: 25-34 Nancy Mack

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You build tombs for the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous. And you say, ‘If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.’ So you testify against yourselves that you are the descendants of those who murdered the prophets. Go ahead, then, and complete what your ancestors started!

“You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell? Therefore I am sending you prophets and sages and teachers. Some of them you will kill and crucify; others you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town.”

**Sermon** *Uniting Heart with Hands* Steve Van Kuiken

**\*Hymn** *Take My Life, God, Let It Be* #448

# 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** *On Eagle's Wings* Mary Carloye, organ  
Joncas

*For the month of May, the loose cash offering will go toward Alternatives to Violence on the Palouse (ATVP).*

# Sent with Love into the World

**\*Hymn** *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* #410

## \*Benediction/Passing of the Peace

\*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

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.

The semi-annual Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, May 22 immediately following worship. The purpose is to vote on a slate of nominees for the Council for the 2022-2023 program year. Members will also be able to participate via Zoom again this year by using the link for the worship service and staying on for the meeting. Meeting packets will be available at the church and will be emailed upon request by emailing Julie, the Administrative Assistant.

Camp N Sid Sen is open for registration for summer camp! Go to [n-sid-sen.org](https://n-sid-sen.org) 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 [bcondon@wsu.edu](mailto:bcondon@wsu.edu).

Calling all CCUCC Youth and friends to join Corey Johnson for a JL Creative (<https://jlcreative4.squarespace.com/>) 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 [mjohnson34227@roadrunner.com](mailto:mjohnson34227@roadrunner.com).

During the month of May, we will be collecting “personal care items for ATVP.” Basically, any items you would use on your person in the tub or shower. Please place donations in the box in the Narthex.

Family Promise volunteers are still needed for **TUESDAY, MAY 17**. Dinner **Meal - Evening** Hosts (2) 5:30 -8:00pm, **Overnight** Hosts (1-2) 8:00pm - 7:30am. For more information contact Sue Schell 509-432-3767, [sueschell@roadrunner.com](mailto:sueschell@roadrunner.com)