

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

Sunday, May 22

Congregational Meeting 11:30am

Support the Vote letter writing

Tuesday, May 23

Council meeting 7pm

Wednesday, May 23

Coffee & Fellowship 10:30am

Office closed



Community Congregational United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

May 22, 2022

10:30 am



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—from *The Eight Points of Progressive Christianity*



If you do not wish to keep this bulletin, please recycle it. Thanks.

Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude *Baroque Suite, Mvmt. II* Ginny Hauser, flute
Gabriel Voigtlander

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

***Invitation to Worship:** (Kabir) Charlene Toews

Inside this clay jug there are canyons and pine mountains, and the maker of canyons and pine mountains!
All seven oceans are inside, and hundreds of millions of stars.
The acid that tests gold is there, and the one who judges jewels.
And the music from the strings no one touches, and the source of all water.
If you want that truth, I will tell you the truth:
Friend, listen: the God whom I love is inside.

***Hymn** *Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls* #383

Prayer for Wholeness

Ever-present God, Beauty Taken for Granted, may we attune our senses to what is often overlooked. May we pay attention to each moment, notice that which is present, treat the commonplace as important, and respond to your invitation.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Special Music *In This Trembling Shadow* Anjuli Dodhia, soprano
John Dowland Seth Hull, guitar

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Silent Meditation

Ancient Witness John 14: 1-7 Charlene Toews

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Sermon Christian and Interfaith Steve Van Kuiken

Reception of New Members

***Hymn** *The Climate is Changing* (insert)

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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* Kathy Spencer, piano
Adoro te Devote
arr. Jeanne Cotter

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

Congregational Meeting

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *Send Down the Fire* (insert)

***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.

We welcome on May 22: Darin Paulson, Suzanne Scott, Petr Paulson, Anjuli Dodhia and on June 5: Lauren Bruno, William Bruno, as the newest members of Community Congregational United Church of Christ! We are delighted that you are members of this part of the Body of Christ with us!"

The semi-annual Congregational Meeting will be today 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 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.

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.

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.

Here’s your chance to make a difference. You **CAN** help work against VOTER SUPPRESSION efforts by writing letters to potential votes in states that are enacting laws to suppress the vote. The Justice & Witness Team will gather after church today to write another round of letters in our efforts to **support the VOTE**. Yes, PIZZA will be provided and take-home letter writing packets will be available.

A refugee family from Afghanistan is scheduled to arrive in Pullman this week, on May 24. The family is a couple with a little boy about 21 months old. Thank you to everyone who signed up to donate supplies~ There will be more opportunities to help as the family settles in Pullman.

Family Promise Laundry will be in the Narthex today. If you can help - take a white bag, wash the bedding and return it to the Family Promise Closet, behind the tan curtain, at the bottom of the stairs. Thanks.

All are welcome to come for coffee and fellowship on Wednesdays at the church, hosted by Jack Alexander. Coffee and sweet rolls are provided. We'll meet in Brewster Hall at 10:30 AM