

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

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day; office closed

Wednesday, June 1

Coffee & Fellowship 10:30am

Office closed



Community Congregational United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

May 29, 2022

10:30 am



*You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God,
in order to keep your tradition.*

—Jesus to the Pharisees and scribes (Mark 7:9)



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

Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude	<i>Kemp's Jig & Lady Laiton's Almain</i>	Seth Hull, guitar
	Anon. & John Dowland	

Welcome Steve Van Kuiken

God is with you.
And also with you.

***Invitation to Worship:** (Psalm 139) Jann Hill

God, Where could I go to escape you?
Where could I get away from your presence?
 If I went up to heaven, you would be there.
If I lay down in the world of the dead, you would be there.

***Hymn** *Come and Find the Quiet Center* (insert)

Prayer for Wholeness

Holy One, our thoughts are not your thoughts, and our ways are not your ways. You welcome all to your Table, but we are often fearful and divided. As we gather, lift the veil from our eyes, that we may know your presence among us and live as Jesus taught, finding abundance through joyful habits of sharing, generosity, justice and hospitality.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Anthem *A Jubilant Song* CCUCC Choir
Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Silent Meditation

Ancient Witness Mark 7: 1-9 Jann Hill

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders, and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash, and there are also many other traditions that they observe: the washing of cups and pots and bronze kettles and beds.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;

in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’
“You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition!”

Sermon Taking the Bible Seriously: Jesus' Method Steve Van Kuiken

***Hymn** *We Limit Not the Truth of God* #316

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 *Go Forth Into The World In Peace* Anjuli Dodhia, soprano
Paul Sjolund Ginny Hauser, flute

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** *Today We Are Called to Be Disciples* (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!"

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.

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

Celebration Sunday during coffee hour, Sunday, June 26th. These past two years we probably missed wishing you happy birthday, happy anniversary, congratulations on your retirement, getting a new job or arrival of a grandchild. So now is the time to share these joys. We will have special cupcakes and punch at coffee hour. If possible, bring a picture, and a note, telling about your celebrations. Put them on the table in Brewster Hall. Please join Dick and Nancy Mack - Gary and Sue Schell who celebrate their 50th wedding Anniversaries on June 17th for a Celebration Sunday.

Volunteers are needed June 16-July 8 to deliver meals to Pullman seniors during lunchtime. Meals are picked up at Bishop Place at 11:15 am for delivery to homes on a route that covers all Pullman neighborhoods. It takes about one hour to complete the deliveries, depending on the number of clients. If you'd like to help with this community service, see the weekly update for the link to sign up. Any questions, please contact Wanda Terry at 509.595.0450 (call or text) or wandaterry@yahoo.com.