

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, April 18

Shared Ministry 9am

Office Closed

Tuesday, April 19

Building & Grounds 1:30pm

Stewardship & Finance 5pm

Wednesday, April 20

Office Closed

Thursday, April 21

Outreach 10am

Congregational Care 1:30pm



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

April 17, 2022

10:30 am

Easter Sunday



Laughter is a biblical way of receiving a newness which cannot be explained.

—Walter Brueggemann



Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude *I Will Praise Him!* Diane Worthey, violin
arr. Kristin Campbell Guy Worthey, bass

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

***Invitation to Worship: (Rumi)** Jann Hill
I called through your door,
“The mystics are gathering in the street. Come out!”
“Leave me alone. I’m sick.”
“I don’t care if you’re dead! Jesus is here, and he wants to resurrect somebody!”

***Hymn** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* #233

Prayer for Wholeness

Holy One, we do not always accept the new growth within us. We confess that often—
we do not see the beauty that is in the world for us to enjoy;
we do not recognize the love that is offered to us each day;
we are too busy with our own tasks to see if they fit into your plans;
we do not want the newfound joy, for then we can no longer pity ourselves;
we are afraid to risk, to turn the corner, to empty the cup, to dance.
Forgive us, O God, and help us to accept your gift of resurrection.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Anthem *In The Garden* CCUCC choir
C. Austin Miles

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Silent Meditation

Ancient Witness Luke 24: 1-11 Jann Hill

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be

handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

Ancient Witness: Genesis 18:1-2, 9-15

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground.

They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.”

Sermon *The Easter Laugh* Steve Van Kuiken

***Hymn** *Now the Green Blade Rises* #238

Responding to Live Faithfully

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 *Thine Is The Glory* Mary Carloye, organ
G. F. Handel Kathy Spencer, piano
arr. Lani Smith

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *I Danced in the Morning* (insert)

*Benediction/Passing of the Peace

***Postlude** *Easter Medley* Ginny Hauser, flute

*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.

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.

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.

Has the offering during worship lost much of its meaning in this era when most of us send our annual support via mailed checks, bill payer services, and contributions directly from retirement accounts or donor-advised funds? The Finance and Stewardship team wants to help everyone to actively participate in the offering each week. Each month we will designate a charity to receive the cash offerings that month. This April it will go toward the One Great Hour of Sharing. So gather up some small bills and during offertory each week take the opportunity, as you put a little something in the plate, to give thanks for what we have and to share a bit with others.

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.

Quilts on Display - Palm Sunday and Easter enjoy a display of quilts made by Nancy Mack, Patricia Magaret and Donna Slusser in the sanctuary, narthex and Brewster Hall. Please DO NOT TOUCH the quilts. Enjoy the varied designs and bright colors. Thank you to Pat Margaret for sharing her quilt this week which is on the alter.

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!

Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse is accepting donations of new and used formal attire for teens to wear to prom. They are accepting dresses, suits, shoes, jewelry, handbags and new makeup. If you would like to donate there is a bin in the narthex. Items will be picked up April 20th.