

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.

We acknowledge that we stand on land stolen from Native and Indigenous people. We are on Nimipuu land and we recognize that they were the first people here.

We acknowledge that we benefit from the prosperity of the United States, which was built on the labor of enslaved people.

Community Congregational

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THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Monday, September 12

Justice & Witness 6:30pm

Tuesday, September 13

Congregational Life 7:30pm

Wednesday, September 14

Office closed

Thursday, September 15

Congregational Care 1:30pm



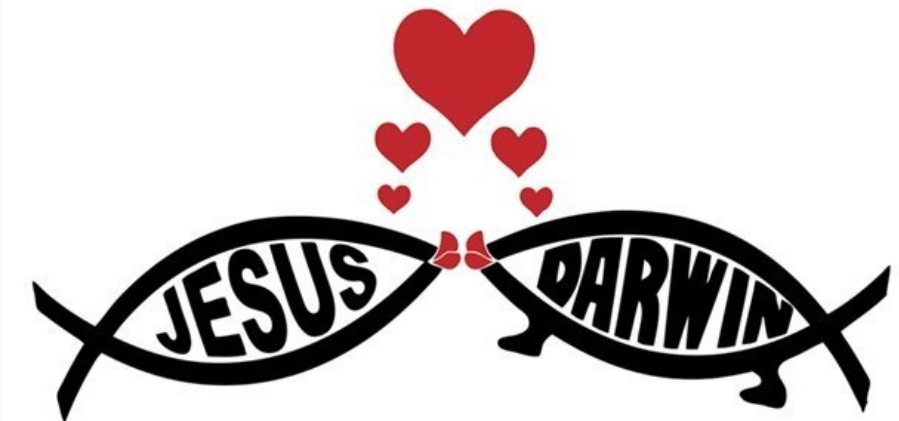
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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

September 11, 2022

10:30 am



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—from *The Eight Points of Progressive Christianity*



Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude *Love is Spoken Here* Diane Worthey
arr. Tyler Castleton

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

***Invitation to Worship:** (Kabir) Daniel McCloskey

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** *God Is Truly with Us* #68

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

Anthem *Make This Church a Welcome Place*
Joel Raney, words by J. Paul Williams

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Silent Meditation

Ancient Witness Galatians 3:23-29 Daniel McCloskey

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Sermon *An Alternative Christianity* 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 *Here Comes the Sun* Samuel Leeper
George Harrison

For the month of September, the loose cash offering will go to support Family Promise of the Palouse which provides housing for homeless families with children.

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *The Summons* (insert)

*Benediction/Passing of the Peace

*Postlude

*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

The Council has decided we will continue wearing masks in worship for the time being.

Our N-Sid-Sen weekend Fall retreat is back! Save September 16-18 for a weekend of relaxation and fun with our CCUCC crew and members of the Richland UCC. See weekly update for the link to register.

Party in the Parking Lot is today 3-5 pm. Come celebrate Fall and a new semester with your CCUCC friends and neighbors. We will turn our parking lot into an event venue with lots of conversation, a live jazz combo featuring pianist/vocalist Kate Skinner, fire pits, snacks and s'mores! Come join in the fun.

There's still time to get a CCUCC t-shirt! They are \$30 each. Please make check out to CCUCC or provide exact change to Julie in the main office Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact the office for sizes/types available.

Volunteers needed for football parking at CCUCC. It's time to sign up if you'd like to help collect donations from football fans who use the CCUCC parking lot on game days. See the weekly update for more info and link to sign up. Thank you to Gary and Sue Schell who helped with the first game.

CCUCC can now be heard as an underwriting sponsor on Northwest Public Broadcasting. We have spots that run on Wednesdays and Thursdays that advertise us as a NWPB sponsor and a progressive and inclusive church in Pullman. We need your help to support this effort. Talk to Nancy Mack to learn how you can help!

Our new website is LIVE! Check out the new, refreshed and contemporary design at www.pullmanucc.org. It's easier to navigate and has testimonials from CCUCC members. If you'd like to be featured, let Megan know.

Family Promise is a nonprofit organization that provides temporary housing and meals for homeless families with children. It began when Karen Olson, from New Jersey, recognized that homeless people she met needed more than a handout. Home Start is a new program within Family Promise. It provides household items for families as they move into permanent housing and other families who are in an unstable situation or starting over. A list of items currently needed is on the blue tub in the Narthex. We will collect the items for the month of September. For more information about Family Promise, please visit their website at <https://www.familypromisepalouse.org>