

# 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 Nimiipuu 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 United Church of Christ

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### 2022/23 Church Council

Moderator: Jann Hill

Moderator-Elect: Susan Poch

Treasurer: Carl Hauser

Clerk: Frances Clark

Finance and Stewardship Team: Sandy Evenson

Building and Grounds Team: Gary Schell

Faith Development Team: Bill Condon

Congregational Life Team: Charla Chaudhry

Congregational Care Team: Mary Carloye

Shared Ministry Team: Charlene Toews

Justice and Witness Team: Ginny Hauser

Outreach Team: Nancy Mack

### THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

#### Monday, September 19

Stewardship & Finance 12pm

#### Tuesday, September 20

Outreach 10am

Shared Ministry 10am

Building & Grounds 1:30pm

#### Wednesday, September 21

Office closed



## Community Congregational United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

September 18, 2022

10:30 am



*“Will we return in the Spring?”  
“We may not, but Life will.”*



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

# Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

**Prelude** *Appalachian Sunrise* Ginny Huaser, flute  
Joseph M. Martin Kathy Spencer, piano

**Welcome** Susan Poch  
God is with you.  
**And also with you.**

**\*Invitation to Worship:** Sandy Evenson

Look, the trees are turning their own bodies into pillars of light,  
**Are giving off the rich fragrance of cinnamon and fulfillment,**  
The long tapers of cattails are bursting and floating away over the blue  
shoulders of the ponds,  
**And every pond, no matter what its name is, is nameless now.**  
Every year everything I have ever learned in my lifetimes leads back to  
this:  
**The fires and the black river of loss whose other side is salvation,**  
**whose meaning none of us will ever know.**  
To live in this world you must be able to do three things:  
**To love what is mortal;**  
To hold it against your bones knowing your own life depends on it;  
**And, when the time comes to let it go, to let it go.**  
*(Mary Oliver, "In Blackwater Woods")*

**\*Hymn** *All Beautiful the March of Days* #434

## Prayer for Wholeness

**Lord, make us instruments of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand, to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**  
*(Francis of Assisi)*

*(Silent Prayer)*

## Assurance of Grace

**Anthem** *A Time For All Things*  
Douglas E. Wagner

# Connecting with Sacred Stories

**Ancient Witness** Ecclesiastes 3:1-9 Sandy Evenson

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:  
a time to be born and a time to die;  
a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill and a time to heal;  
a time to break down and a time to build up;

a time to weep and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn and a time to dance;  
a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;  
a time to seek and a time to lose;  
a time to keep and a time to throw away;  
a time to tear and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silent and a time to speak;  
a time to love and a time to hate;  
a time for war and a time for peace.

**What gain have the workers from their toil?**

**Sermon** *A Story of Life* Susan Poch  
**\*Hymn** *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* #433

# 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, guitar  
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** *My Life Flows on in Endless Song* #476

## \*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.

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.

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](http://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 of the Palouse began hosting families in 2013 with 10 Host sites (CCUCC is one) along with 12 partner congregations. Our partners are the Colfax and Pioneer Hill LDS wards. Our families and Hosts share dinner in Fellowship Hall followed by games and activities. Sunnyside and Terreview LDS wards **host at CCUCC** the following week. It takes 40-50 individuals and several hundred volunteer hours to host for a week. For more information about Family Promise, please visit their website at <https://www.familypromisepalouse.org>. Please remember to bring items for **Home Start**. The blue collection tub is in the narthex.