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 Nimíipuu 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.*

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THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Monday, September 26

Council Meeting 7pm

Wednesday, September 28

Office closed



Community Congregational United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

September 25, 2022

10:30 am

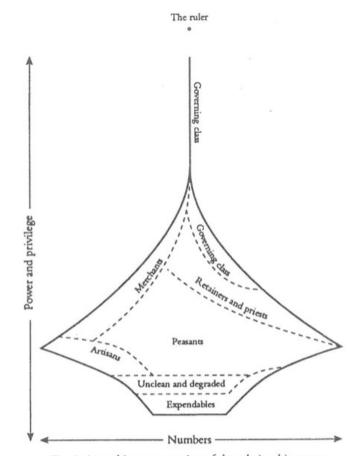


Fig. 1. A graphic representation of the relationship among classes in agrarian societies. From Gerhard Lenski, Power and Privilege: A Theory of Social Stratification (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1966), 284, Fig. 1. Used with the permission of Gerhard Lenski.

From Wm. R. Herzog, Parables as Subversive Speech: Jesus as Pedagogue of the Oppressed, (Westminster/ John Knox, 1994)



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Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude

Meditation on O Waly Waly Joseph M. Martin Diane Worthey Kathy Spencer

Welcome

Steve Van Kuiken

God is with you. **And also with you.**

*Invitation to Worship:

Tricia Grantham

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.

Is this not the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

(Isaiah 58:3-4,6)

*Hymn

African Processional

(insert)

Prayer for Wholeness

O God, Blossom of Love, give us courage and an open spirit as we consider the life and teachings of Jesus. In our prayer, in our silence, in our listening and in our conversations, may we feel your invitational embrace beckoning us to fullness of life, where we celebrate beauty and engage the causes of suffering.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Anthem

Make This Church A Welcome Place

CCUCC choir

Music: Joel Raney; Words: J. Paul Williams

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Silent Meditation

Ancient Witness Matthew 20:1-15

Tricia Grantham

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?'"

Sermon

Blaming the Victims

Steve Van Kuiken

*Hymn

Canticle of the Turning

(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

Stewardship Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Brother James' Air James Leith Macbeth Bain arr. Larry Shackley

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 I ove into the World

*Hymn

Let Justice Flow like Streams

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*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.

Game day football parking volunteers are still needed on 11/12 and 11/26 (Apple Cup) but the game times have not been announced. SignUp Genius will be updated as soon as the information is available. See the weekly update for more info and link to sign up.

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 of the Palouse has served over 90 families and 300 individuals. The average length of a stay is 60 days. While Family Promise continues to focus on providing a safe caring Emergency Shelter for homeless families, there are now programs that work to prevent a family from becoming homeless in the first place. There is a Graduate Program which works to help families remain in stable housing. At all levels there are programs to help families with financial literacy, independent living skills, and a career pathway. Thank you for supporting Home Start. All donations will be delivered tomorrow.

Vote Forward--It's time to come together! Please join the Justice & Witness team for the launch of our final month of letter writing for Vote Forward. We will meet after church today and write until 1:00. We are one month away from the BIG SEND. It's time to complete our letters! Take home packets are available as well. AND...there will be food! Hope to see you there.

2nd refugee family to resettle in Pullman WSU and the International Rescue Committee (IRC) are co-sponsoring a second family from Afghanistan who will be resettling in Pullman "later this month." CCUCC has been asked to provide specific items. Any questions, please contact Diana Whitney at dlwwhitney@gmail.com or 509-432-9460 (text okay). Diana is the best resource but you can also contact Wanda Terry if you need assistance at 509-595-0450 (text). See weekly update for full details with link on how to donate.