

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

Wednesday, March 30

Office Closed



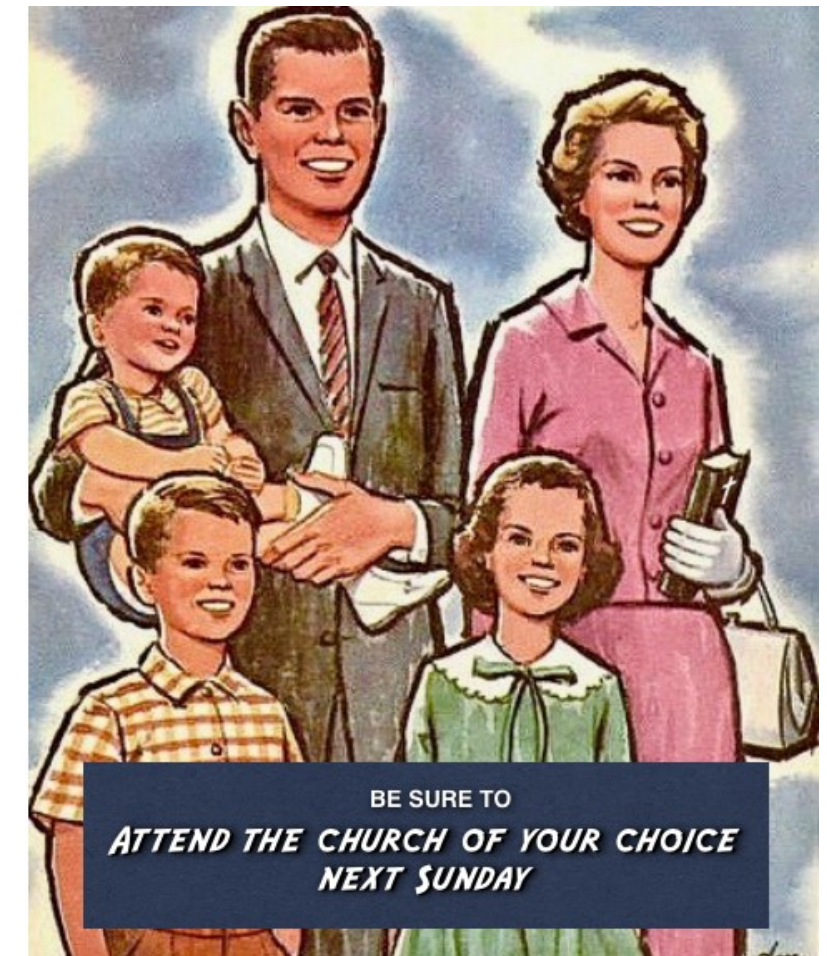
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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

March 27, 2022

10:30 am



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Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude *Estudio 5* Seth Hull, guitar
Fernando Sor

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

*Invitation to Worship Charlene Toews

Let me not pray to be sheltered from dangers,
But to be fearless in facing them.
Let me not beg for the stilling of my pain,
But for the heart to conquer it.
Let me not look for allies in life's battlefield,
But to my own strength.
Let me not crave in anxious fear to be saved,
But hope for the patience to win my freedom.
Grant me that I may not be a coward, feeling your mercy in my success alone;
But let me find the grasp of your hand in my failure.

Rabindranath Tagore

*Hymn *God Is Truly with Us* #68

Prayer for Wholeness

Gracious God, the Father of all mercies and the Mother of all comfort, forgive us for being afraid—afraid to work for justice in our world, afraid to laugh and live and love, afraid to trust in you. We say you are ever-present; help us to act as though we really believe it. Help us to be aware of the reality of acceptance so that we may live refreshed and renewed in your service.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Special Music *Moonlight Sonata* Kathy Spencer, piano
Ludwig van Beethoven

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Silent Meditation

Ancient Witness Zephaniah 3: 11-13 Charlene Toews

On that day you shall not be put to shame
because of all the deeds by which you have rebelled against me;
for then I will remove from your midst
your proudly exultant ones,
and you shall no longer be haughty
in my holy mountain.

For I will leave in the midst of you
a people humble and lowly.
They shall seek refuge in the name of the Lord—

the remnant of Israel;
they shall do no wrong
and utter no lies,
nor shall a deceitful tongue
be found in their mouths.
Then they will pasture and lie down,
and no one shall make them afraid.

Sermon *Time to Go Deeper: The End of Christendom* Steve Van Kuiken

*Hymn *Forward through the Ages* #377

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 *Logan Water* Ginny Hauser, flute
trad. Scottish Kathy Spencer, piano
arr. Mitzy McCaskill & Donna Gilliam

Sent with Love into the World

*Hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* #439

*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

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

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.

If you would like to help support the Ukrainian people, see the update sent on March 11th with ways you can help.

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.

As of March 8th, we've kept 360 pounds of plastic film out of the landfill. We need 140 pounds to reach our goal of 500 pounds to be eligible to receive a bench from the Trex recycling program. To help us reach our goal, the deadline has been extended to June 1.

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.

Thank you Every Vote Must Count volunteers! Together, about 18 volunteers wrote more than 300 letters to voters in Texas and Georgia. Some took their letter packets home to complete. If you are interested in doing so, please let me know. We are planning our next letter writing for a Sunday in May and this time we will have food! Questions? Please contact Ginny Hauser at ginny.hauser@gmail.com

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. We'll begin in April. 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.

The Palouse chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) will host Families for Climate Action at the PCEI Nature Center in Moscow (1040 Rodeo Dr.) on Sunday, March 27, 2022, from 3 to 5 PM. This public event will empower all who are interested in taking action to address climate change. Activities will include a presentation at 3:30 about CCL and tools for climate action like contacting the President and members of Congress. Families can help prepare Nature Center trails by spreading fresh wood chips on them to encourage enjoyment of the outdoors. Supervised children's activities include starting lettuce, chives, and mint in pots that they can take home. Watching a plant grow helps everyone appreciate the healthy