

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, April 6

Office Closed



**Community Congregational
United Church of Christ**

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

April 3, 2022

10:30 am



Judas said to Jesus, "why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor?"



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Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude *Wild Mountain Thyme* Seth Hull, guitar
trad. Scottish

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

***Invitation to Worship** Susan Poch

The world belongs to God,
the earth and all its people.
How good and how lovely it is
to live together in unity.
Love and faith come together,
justice and peace join hands.
If the Lord's disciples keep silent
these stones would shout aloud.
Lord, open our lips,
and our mouths shall proclaim Your praise.
Let us worship God.

***Hymn** *As We Gather at Your Table* #332

Prayer for Wholeness

O God, you are all around us and among us.
We thank you for your presence.
From the east we hear you call us to freshness and newness of the day.
Deliver us, God, from ruts and stagnant waters.
From the west we hear you call us to the completeness and wholeness we
are created to be.
Deliver us, God, from our broken hearts and incomplete dreams.
From the south we hear you call us to warmth and growth.
Deliver us, God, from hard hearts and cold hands.
From the north we hear you call us to the refreshment and peace of cool,
bubbling springs.
Deliver us, God, from our boiling, destructive anger.
From below we hear you offer us a solid foundation.
Deliver us, God, from anxious striving.
From above we hear you call us to life beyond our present awareness.
Deliver us, God from our limited perception.

Anthem *I Am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger* Jenn Hackman, soprano
trad. arr. Seth Hull CCUCC choir

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Silent Meditation

Ancient Witnesses Deuteronomy 15:7-11 Susan Poch
If anyone is poor among your fellow Israelites in any of the towns of the
land the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or
tightfisted toward them. Rather, be openhanded and freely lend them

whatever they need. Be careful not to harbor this wicked thought: "The
seventh year, the year for canceling debts, is near," so that you do not show
ill will toward the needy among your fellow Israelites and give them
nothing. They may then appeal to the Lord against you, and you will be
found guilty of sin. Give generously to them and do so without a grudging
heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work
and in everything you put your hand to. There will always be poor people in
the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow
Israelites who are poor and needy in your land.

John 12:1-8
Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived,
whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus'
honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table
with him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume;
she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house
was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But one of his disciples, Judas
Iscaiot, who was later to betray him, objected, "Why wasn't this perfume
sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." He did
not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as
keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into
it. "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this
perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you,
but you will not always have me."

Sermon *What About the Poor?* Steve Van Kuiken

***Hymn** *Bread for the Journey* (insert)

Celebration of Communion

Invitation

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. †

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

After Communion Prayer

Responding to Live Faithfully

Moment For Mission One Great Hour of Sharing Mary Carloye

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Scarborough Faire* Seth Hull, guitar
trad. English

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *When We Are Living* (insert)

*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

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. 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.

Easter Week Quilt Display: Consider joining other creative members of our
congregation and adding to the beauty of the Easter season by sharing quilts or
other handcrafted items for display in Brewster Hall on Palm Sunday and Easter
Sunday. The Congregational Life Team will be available to assist with set up on
Saturday, April 9th. Contact Sue Schell for specifics: sueschell@roadrunner.com,
509-432-3767.

Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebrae Service on April 14 at 7 PM.
(In-person only) During this service the events of Jesus' last supper with the
disciples, his arrest and trial, and the crucifixion are described by the Gospel of
Mark. **Easter Sunday Worship on April 17 at 10:30 AM.**