

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, October 17

Stewardship & Finance 12:15pm

Wednesday, October 12

Office closed

Thursday, October 20

Congregational Care 1:30pm

Palouse Citizen Climate Lobby 5pm

Legislative Civility Talk 6:30pm



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

October 16, 2022

10:30 am



The Gleaners, Jean-Francois Millet, 1857, Musee d'Orsay



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

Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude *My Heart Ever Faithful* Ginny Hauser, flute
J.S. Bach Mary Carloye, piano

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

***Invitation to Worship:** Susan Poch
Your love, O God, extends to the heavens.
We shall feast on the abundance of your goodness, O God,
And drink our fill of your mercy, O fountain of life.
Let us worship God.

***Hymn** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* #7

Prayer for Wholeness
Gracious God, you give us the sun to illumine the day and the moon and stars to shine by night. Kindle in us the flame of your love that our lives may shed abroad the radiance of your light and the world may be full of the splendor of you glory.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Anthem *Come Bless the Lord* CCUCC choir
Robert Lau

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Silent Meditation

Ancient Witness Ruth 2: 1-23 Susan Poch
Now Naomi had a kinsman on her husband's side, a prominent rich man of the family of Elimelech whose name was Boaz. And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain behind someone in whose sight I may find favor." She said to her, "Go, my daughter." So she went. She came and gleaned in the field behind the reapers. As it happened, she came to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech. Just then Boaz came from Bethlehem. He said to the reapers, "The Lord be with you." They answered, "The Lord bless you." Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, "To whom does this young woman belong?" The young man who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the young Moabite woman who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. She said, 'Please, let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the reapers.' So she came, and she has been on her feet from early this morning until now without resting even for a moment."

Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. Keep your eyes on the field that is being reaped and follow them. I have ordered the young men not to bother you. If you get thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn." Then she fell prostrate, with her face to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your sight, that you should take

notice of me, when I am a foreigner?" But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told me, how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. May the Lord reward you for your deeds, and may you have a full reward from the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge!" Then she said, "May I continue to find favor in your sight, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, even though I am not one of your servants."

At mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come here and eat some of this bread and dip your morsel in the sour wine." So she sat beside the reapers, and he heaped up for her some parched grain. She ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over. When she got up to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, "Let her glean even among the standing sheaves, and do not reproach her. You must also pull out some handfuls for her from the bundles and leave them for her to glean, and do not rebuke her."

So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. She picked it up and came into the town, and her mother-in-law saw how much she had gleaned. Then she took out and gave her what was left over after she herself had been satisfied. Her mother-in-law said to her, "Where did you glean today? And where have you worked? Blessed be the man who took notice of you." So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked, saying, "The name of the man with whom I worked today is Boaz." Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "Blessed be he by the Lord, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!" Naomi also said to her, "The man is a relative of ours, one of our nearest kin." Then Ruth the Moabite said, "He even said to me, 'Stay close by my young men until they have finished all my harvest.' " Naomi said to Ruth, her daughter-in-law, "It is better, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, otherwise someone might bother you in another field." So she stayed close to the young women of Boaz, gleaning until the end of the barley and wheat harvests, and she lived with her mother-in-law.

Sermon *A Story of Loyalty: 2. Finding God's Favor* Steve Van Kuiken

***Hymn** *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* #485

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. †

Stewardship Moment Justice & Witness Team

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Faith of Our Ancestors* Mary Carloye, organ
arr. Homer Whitford

For the month of October, the loose cash offering will go to support Pullman Child Welfare.

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* #76

***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.

Jack's Food Drive-Please join us for the month of October in collecting needed food items for our local food banks and our CCUCC Food Pantry. Items can be placed in the collection bin in the narthex. Please see the weekly update for a list of most needed items.

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.

Vote Forward Letters Available for YOU!!! You asked and they are here! Please stop by the church office and pick up a packet of letters to write. There is a clipboard in the box so you can list your name and how many packets you take home to write. **ALL** letters must be returned to church by Sunday, October 23rd. We will take a photo of letter writers and letters in front of the church. Let's celebrate our efforts by sending out 2000 letters. Be there!

Thank you to Nick and Katherine Lovrich for donating the beautiful banner that now hangs in Brewster Hall.

Movie Nights at the Church-Join us Nov 6 and Dec 4 for movie nights. Movies start at 5:15 in Brewster Hall. November's movie is The Hate You Give. See the weekly update or bulletin board for full details.