

# 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 Nimtipuu 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

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Shared Ministry Team: Charlene Toews

Justice and Witness Team: Ginny Hauser

Outreach Team: Nancy Mack

### THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

**Wednesday, October 5**

Office closed



# Community Congregational

# United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

October 2, 2022

10:30 am



*Sixteen tons and what do you get?  
Another day older and deeper in debt.  
St. Peter don't you call me, 'cause I can't go.  
I owe my soul to the company store.*



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

# Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

**Prelude** *With Open Hands* Kathy Spencer, piano  
Marty Haugen  
arr. Richard Cotter

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

**\*Invitation to Worship** Nancy Mack  
God has told you, O mortal, what is good  
And what does God require of you?  
**Do justice**  
And love kindness  
**And walk humbly with your God.**

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

## Prayer for Wholeness

**Holy One, our thoughts are not your thoughts, and our ways are not your ways. You welcome all to your Table, but we are often fearful and divided. As we gather, lift the veil from our eyes, that we may know your presence among us and live as Jesus taught, finding abundance through joyful habits of sharing, generosity, justice and hospitality.**

**Anthem** *For Where Love Is, There Is God*  
Arr. Charlotte Lee & Douglas E. Wagner

## Connecting with Sacred Stories

### Silent Meditation

**Ancient Witness** Deuteronomy 15: 1-5 Nancy Mack

At the end of every seven years you must cancel debts. This is how it is to be done: Every creditor shall cancel any loan they have made to a fellow Israelite. They shall not require payment from anyone among their own people, because the Lord's time for canceling debts has been proclaimed. You may require payment from a foreigner, but you must cancel any debt your fellow Israelite owes you. However, there need be no poor people among you, for in the land the Lord your God is giving you to possess as your inheritance, he will richly bless you, if only you fully obey the Lord your God and are careful to follow all these commands I am giving you today.

Luke 4: 16-21

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”  
Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

**Sermon** *Debt Forgiveness* Steve Van Kuiken

**\*Hymn** *O for a World* #575

## 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

**Stewardship Moment** Justice & Witness Team

### Invitation to the Offering

**Offertory** *Deep River* Samuel Leeper  
arr. H.T. Burleigh

*For the month of October, the loose cash offering will go toward Pullman Child Welfare.*

## Sent with Love into the World

**\*Hymn** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* #347

### Benediction/Passing of the Peace

**\*Prelude**

\*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.

**Bishop Place Hymnsings Resume!** Join us today at 3pm in the Activity Room at Bishop Place for our monthly Hymnsings. These will take place on the first Sunday of the month. Masks are required.

**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.

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!

**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 [dlwhitney@gmail.com](mailto:dlwhitney@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 and new drop off location.

**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 on Oct. 9, Nov 6 and Dec 4 for movie nights. Movies start at 5:15 in Brewster Hall. First movie is Just Mercy. See the weekly update or bulletin board for full details.

**Justice & Witness Team** is responsible for leading the congregation and community in the work for social transformation and outreach through providing education and action opportunities.