

# 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](http://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

**Wednesday, November 2**

Office closed

**Saturday, November 5**

Jack Alexander Memorial 2pm



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## United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

October 30, 2022

10:30 am



*Looking once more at the events as they are described here, we may well be astounded at Ruth's courage. She, as an unattached Moabite woman, goes out under cover of darkness to a place of public celebration to look for a man. When the moment is right, she lies down next to him and, on being discovered, proposes marriage or sexual relations. Even by today's tolerant standards, there would not be a great deal of approval for the woman in these circumstances.*

—Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos



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# Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

**Prelude** *Andante From Flute Sonata in B Minor* Ginny Hauser, flute  
G.F. Handel; arr. David Lasky

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

**\*Invitation to Worship:** Nancy Mack

We come, O God, to worship you,  
**with songs wanting to be sung, with words needing to be spoken,  
with questions demanding to be answered, with feelings longing to  
be expressed.**  
We bring to you  
**our wounds needing to be healed, our emptiness wanting to be filled,  
and our joy yearning to be expressed.**  
Let us worship the One who has promised to welcome us all.

**\*Hymn** *God Is Truly with Us* #68

**Prayer for Wholeness**

**Gracious and Loving One, you beckon us to new places, yet we often  
prefer the comfort of what is familiar. You open new doors before  
us, yet we have been reluctant to move forward across the threshold.  
Often fear and sadness have a strong hold upon us. Help us, O God,  
when we lose our nerve, and give us courage and peace.**

*(Silent Prayer)*

**Assurance of Grace**

**Anthem** *The Time for Turning* CCUCC choir  
arr. Pamela Martin & Craig Courtney

# Connecting with Sacred Stories

**Silence Meditation**

**Ancient Witness** Ruth 3: 1-18 Nancy Mack

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do." She said to her, "All that you say I will do."

So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had instructed her. When Boaz had eaten and drunk and was in a contented mood, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came stealthily and uncovered his feet and lay down. At midnight the man was startled and turned over, and there, lying at his feet, was a woman! He said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth, your servant; spread your cloak over your servant, for YOU are next-of-kin." He said, "May you be blessed by the Lord, my daughter; this last instance of your loyalty is better than the first; you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. And now, my daughter, do not be afraid, I will do for you all that you ask, for all the assembly of my people know that you are a worthy woman. But now, though it is true that I am a near kinsman, there is another kinsman more closely related than I. Remain this night, and in the morning, if he will act as next-of-kin for you, good; let him do it. But if he is not willing to act as next-of-kin for you, then, as the Lord lives, I will act as next-of-kin for you. Lie down until the morning."

So she lay at his feet until morning but got up before one person could recognize another, for he said, "It must not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor." Then he said, "Bring the cloak you are wearing and hold it out." So she held it, and he measured out six measures of barley and put it on her back; then he went into the town. She came to her mother-in-law, who said, "How did things go with you, my daughter?" Then she told her all that the man had done for her, saying, "He gave me these six measures of barley, for he said, 'Do not go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed.' " She replied, "Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest but will settle the matter today."

**Sermon** *Story of Loyalty: 3. Beyond the Call of Duty* Steve Van Kuiken

**\*Hymn** *In Christ There Is No East or West* #395

# 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** Outreach Team

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory** *Steal Away* Sam Leeper, tenor  
arr. H.T. Burleigh

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

# Sent with Love into the World

**\*Hymn** *Fight the Good Fight* (insert)

**\*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 will be a Service of Remembrance and Celebration of the life of Jack Alexander at 2 pm on Saturday, November 5 at the church. Look for more details to follow.

**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. Food Drive will continue through Sunday, November 6th.

Game day football parking volunteers are still needed on 11/26 (Apple Cup) but the game time has 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.

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.

If you still want a CCUCC shirt, there are 3 available. All are V-necks and there is 1 small and 3 medium. They are \$30. See Julie during office hours to get one.

**Early release book party and signing for "Rise up with a Song" on Nov. 20 in Pullman** CCUCC member and award-winning local children's author Diane Worthey is holding an early release party for her new book "Rise up with a Song" at Community Congregational United Church of Christ in Pullman on Sunday, Nov. 20 at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please RSVP at pullmanucc.org. Scroll down to "What's Happening," and click on the event.

**VOTE FORWARD Letters?** If you still have Vote Forward letters at home, **please MAIL them ASAP.** Thank you so much for your help!