

# 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

### United Church of Christ

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#### STAFF SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

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#### 2022/23 Church Council

Moderator: Jann Hill

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Congregational Care Team: Mary Carloye

Shared Ministry Team: Charlene Toews

Justice and Witness Team: Ginny Hauser

Outreach Team: Nancy Mack

#### THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

##### Monday, November 14

Justice & Witness 6:30pm

##### Tuesday, November 15

Building & Grounds 1:30pm

##### Wednesday, November 16

Outreach 12:30pm

Office closed

##### Thursday, November 17

Congregational Care 1:30pm



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## United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

November 13, 2022

10:30 am



*I was crying. I didn't know what I was crying about. I had to go off some place and sit down and think, what's the matter with me? And I realized I was in grief... I saw more clearly than I have, with all the studying and reading I've done, the writhing, slow death of Earth and we on it.*

—William Shatner, on his experience of going to space



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# Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

**Prelude** *Praise The Lord Who Reigns Above* Diane Worthey, violin  
arr. Stan Pethel Guy Worthey, bass

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

**\*Invitation to Worship:** Daniel McCloskey

Then I was standing on the highest mountain of them all,  
**And round beneath me was the whole hoop of the world.**  
And while I stood there I saw more than I can tell  
**And I understood more than I saw.**  
For I was seeing in the sacred manner the shape of all things of the spirit  
**And the shapes as they must live together like one being.**  
And I saw that the sacred hoop of my people was one of many hoops that  
make one circle, wide as daylight and starlight,  
**And in the center grew one mighty flowering tree**  
To shelter all the children of one mother and one father.  
**And I saw that it was holy.**

*(Black Elk)*

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

## Prayer for Wholeness

**Eternal One, we are one, and we only imagine that we are not. Often we tear asunder what you have joined together. Help us to manifest our unity with you and the cosmos by following the way of Jesus and your prophets. Amen.**

*(Silent Prayer)*

## Assurance of Grace

**Anthem** *Celtic Laud* CCUCC choir  
Pamela Martin and Craig Courtney

# Connecting with Sacred Stories

## Silence Meditation

**Ancient Witness** John 1: 1-5 Daniel McCloskey

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through it, and without it not one thing came into being. What has come into being in the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

**Sermon** *The Overview Effect* Steve Van Kuiken

**\*Hymn** *The Climate is Changing* (insert)

# Responding to Live Faithfully

## Prayers of the People & the Jesus Prayer

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.  
Amen †  
*-The Lord's Prayer Adapted in A New Zealand Prayer Book***

**Stewardship Moment** Faith Development Team

## Invitation to the Offering

**Offertory** *From A Distance* Jenn Hackman, vocals  
Julie Gold

*For the month of November, the loose cash offering will go to support  
Circles of Caring.*

# Sent with Love into the World

**\*Hymn** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* #565

## \*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.

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.

**Movie Nights at the Church**-Join us Dec 4 for movie night. Movies start at 5:15 in Brewster Hall. December's movie is The Best of Enemies. See the weekly update or bulletin board for full details.

**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.

Today is Stewardship Sunday! Soup and bread will be served after service in Brewster Hall.