

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, November 21

Stewardship & Finance 12:15pm

Wednesday, November 22

Office closed

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving-office closed

Friday, November 24

Office closed



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

November 20, 2022

10:30 am



The doctrine of an eye for an eye leaves everybody blind.

—Martin Luther King, Jr.



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Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude *Siciliano* Mary Carloye, organ
J.S. Bach

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

***Invitation to Worship:** from Isaiah 11 Susan Poch

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Holy One as the waters cover the sea.

***Hymn** *God of the Sparrow God of the Whale* #32

Prayer for Wholeness

Loving and all-knowing God: We wish that we knew the things that make for peace. We long for peace in the world, for an end to the hostility and suspicion that set one against another. We confess that we engage in bitter conflict, in our families, communities, and churches. We shout away or silently write off those who disagree with us. Restore us to ways of peace: to patience, forgiveness, love. Make us quick to build others up, eager to speak the truth in the spirit of love. So may peace begin with us.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Anthem *Simple Canon of Thanks* CCUCC choir

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Silent Meditation

Ancient Witness Romans 12: 14-21 Susan Poch

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Sermon *Violence* Steve Van Kuiken

***Hymn** *Spirit, Sprit of Gentleness* #286

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***

Moment for Mission Environmental Justice

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *March* Mary Carloye, organ
John Stanley

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

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *Lead Us From Death to Life* #581

*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.

Today is the early release book party and signing for "Rise up with a Song." 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 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.