

# 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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#### THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

##### Sunday, November 6

Movie-The Hate U Give 5pm

##### Tuesday, November 8

Congregational Life 7:30pm

##### Wednesday, November 9

Office closed



## Community Congregational

### United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

November 6 2022

10:30 am



*There is a home in God, a home for the entire universe. In that home,  
multiplicity finally achieves unity; fragmentation is embraced  
in wholeness.*

—Marjorie Suchocki



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## Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

**Prelude** From *SONATA in A major Op. 120* Kathy Spencer, piano  
Franz Schubert

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

**\*Invitation to Worship:** Charlene Toews

We have come here to worship.

**To worship the living God.**

We are not here to escape the world.

**We are here to get a new perspective on the world. We are here to reconsider the world, to discover God's view of it. We are here to think more deeply about God and God's world.**

Let us consider ourselves in relation to God, to God's world about us, then let us respond accordingly.

**Let us praise God for what we have discovered in the world, in our neighbor, and in ourselves.**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

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

**Prayer for Wholeness**

**Merciful God, we have not always done justice, loved kindness or walked humbly with you, our God. In your loving-kindness, O God, create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us.**

*(Silent Prayer)*

**Assurance of Grace**

**Anthem** *In This Moment of Remembrance* CCUCC choir  
Carlton C. Buck and Dale Wood

## Connecting with Sacred Stories

**Silence Meditation**

**Ancient Witness** Ruth 4: 1-17 Charlene Toews

No sooner had Boaz gone up to the gate and sat down there than the next-of-kin of whom Boaz had spoken came passing by. So Boaz said, "Come over; sit down here." And he went over and sat down. Then Boaz took ten men of the elders of the town and said, "Sit down here," so they sat down. He then said to the next-of-kin, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our kinsman Elimelech. So I thought I would tell you of it and say: Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not, tell me,

so that I may know; for there is no one prior to you to redeem it, and I come after you." So he said, "I will redeem it." Then Boaz said, "The day you acquire the field from the hand of Naomi, you are also acquiring Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead man, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance." At this, the next-of-kin said, "I cannot redeem it for myself without damaging my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it."

Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging to confirm a transaction: the one took off a sandal and gave it to the other; this was the manner of attesting in Israel. So when the next-of-kin said to Boaz, "Acquire it for yourself," he took off his sandal. Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses today that I have acquired from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon. I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, to be my wife, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance, in order that the name of the dead may not be cut off from his kindred and from the gate of his native place; today you are witnesses." Then all the people who were at the gate, along with the elders, said, "We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your house like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you produce children in Ephrathah and bestow a name in Bethlehem; and, through the children that the Lord will give you by this young woman, may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah."

So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin, and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

**Sermon** *Story of Loyalty: 4. Giving Birth to Redemption* Steve Van Kuiken

**\*Hymn** *Let Us Break Bread Together* #330

## 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

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**Stewardship Moment** Congregational Care Team

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory** *Sinfonia to Cantata No. 156* Ginny Hauser, flute  
J.S. Bach, arr. E. Power Biggs

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

## Sent with Love into the World

**\*Hymn** *Bread for the Journey* (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.

**Movie Nights at the Church**-Join us tonight 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.

**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.

**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.