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 Nimíipuu 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.*

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THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Monday, January 2

Office closed

Wednesday, January 4

Office closed



Community Congregational United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

January 1, 2023

10:30 am



The New Testament genealogies of Jesus make it clear that the Christians place a great deal of value on the fact that Jesus the Jew is descended from David the Jew. Only with this family tree does Jesus seem right to them—in other words, their whole Christian faith rests on a Jewish lineage. For themselves, however, Christians have tried to do exactly the opposite sort of research, hoping to prove that they did not descend from David or any Jew whatsoever.

—Uta Ranke-Heinemann, Putting Away Childish Things



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Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude The Holly And The Ivy

Kathy Spencer, piano

arr. Joseph M. Martin

Welcome Steve Van Kuiken

God is with you. **And also with you.**

*Invitation to Worship:

Charlene Toews

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Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

The First Nowell

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Prayer for Wholeness

*Hymn

Holy One, as we look to the birth of Christ, grant that the light of your love for us will help us to become lights of hope in the lives of those around us and those who are in need of comfort. Prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness of your coming, for Jesus is our hope. Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Anthem

Now Greet The Swiftly Changing Year Alfred Fedak CCUCC choir

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Silent Meditation

Ancient Witness Isaiah 60: 1-6

Charlene Toews

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. "Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip.

Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

Sermon Jewish Messiah Steve Van Kuiken

*Hymn Go Tell It on the Mountain

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 \dagger

-The Lord's Prayer Adapted in A New Zealand Prayer Book

Moment for Mission Environmental Justice

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

O Little Town of Bethlehem arr Mark Hayes

Ginny Hauser, flute

For the month of January, the loose cash offering will go to support Disability Action Center.

Sent with Love into the World

*Hymn Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

#129

*Benediction/Passing of the Peace

*Postlude

#154

*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 for our next movie night on January 8th. Movies start at 5:15 in Brewster Hall. January's movie is Fences. See the weekly update or bulletin board for full details.

There will be a training for Family Promise volunteers on **January 29th** in Brewster Hall following our Sunday Service. It will include a potluck.

Do you have questions about LGBTQ+ and identity issues and have never gotten them answered? Now is your opportunity to do so. Please submit your questions in writing and place them in the rainbow colored box in the narthex. Holly Greystone will incorporate your queries into her presentation on **February 2**, 2023.

Update: Plastic Film Recycling: Until we resume plastic film collection here at CCUCC, you can drop off your plastic film at Safeway. Use the plastic bag recycling bins at the store entrances; smaller and more frequent drop offs are preferred. Safeway partners with Trex, the company that uses the store's plastic film to be recycled into composite products like the bench located outside the church's entryway. Trex partners with stores throughout the U.S., including Winco and Albertsons. *Important reminder: all plastic film must be clean, dry, and free of food residue; labels should be removed or cut off.*

Loose offerings for January - For the month of January, our loose offerings will go to Disability Action Center NW. Disability Action Center is a non-profit community partnership working to promote the independence and equality of all individuals. The Mission of DAC NW is building community, achieving equality and creating independence in an accessible world. See their website for more info: https://dacnw.org