

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.



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THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Monday, January 16

Stewardship & Finance 12:15pm

Office closed-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Day

Tuesday, January 17

Building & Grounds 1:30pm

Wednesday, January 18

Office closed

Thursday, January 19

Congregational Care 1:30pm

Friday, January 20

Office closed



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

January 15, 2023

10:30 am



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—from “Eight Points of Progressive Christianity,” #4

Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude *Draw The Circle Wide* Sam Leeper, vocals
Gordon Light

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

***Invitation to Worship:** Kabir Charlene Toews

Inside this clay jug there are canyons and pine mountains, and the maker of canyons and pine mountains!

All seven oceans are inside, and hundreds of millions of stars.

The acid that tests gold is there, and the one who judges jewels.

And the music from the strings no one touches, and the source of all water.

If you want the truth, I will tell you the truth:

Friend, listen: the God whom I love is inside.

***Hymn** *Gather Us In* (insert)

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 *Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel* CCUCC choir
arr. Roger Emerson

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Silent Meditation

Ancient Witness Matthew 18: 15-18 Charlene Toews

[Jesus said] "If your sister or brother should commit some wrong against you, go and point out the error, but keep it between the two of you. If he or she listens to you, you have won a loved one back. If not, try again, but take one or two others with you, so that every case may stand on the word of two or three witnesses. If your sister or brother refuses to listen to them, refer the matter to the church. If she or he ignores even the church, then treat that sister or brother as you would a Gentile and a tax collector. The truth is, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Sermon *Communities of Practice: Life Together* Steve Van Kuiken

***Hymn** *Help Us Accept Each Other* #388

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *No One Is Alone* Anjuli Dodhia, vocals
Stephen Sondheim

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

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *Blessed Be the Tie That Binds* #393

*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.

COFFEE HOUR: You are encouraged to stay for coffee and treats and fellowship after worship today. Just head across the entryway to Brewster Hall and join us for coffee hour.

There will be a goodbye party in Brewster Hall for Steve on **January 22nd after worship**. We request that everyone bring their own message to send off Steve in a "Goodbye" card. Place it in the large basket now in the Narthex. and stay after service for a special send off lunch! See the weekly update for full details.

Movie Nights at the Church-Join us for our next movie night on **February 12th** with the next movie being Green Book.. Movies start at **5:15** in Brewster Hall. 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**.

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>

If you would like to help the two refugee families, see the flyer in the narthex.

We will be participating in an ongoing collection of food items needed for our local food banks, Community Action Center (CAC) and Pullman Child Welfare. See the weekly update or flyer in the narthex for details.

Congregational Meeting will be on **Sunday, January 29 immediately following worship**. Items for business are: budget for 2023, adopting a proposed Environmental Justice Covenant, and approving the call of an interim minister.

Sunday, January 29, we will have a special Neighbors in Need offering. The UCC Neighbors in Need "BEHOLD!" offering focuses on economic justice. For more information, see <https://www.ucc.org/neighbors-in-need-special-mission-offering/>

Meals on Wheels Volunteers Feb 16-28 Volunteers are needed February 16-28 to deliver meals to Pullman seniors during lunch time. See weekly update for details and sign up information. Questions: contact Wanda Terry at 509-595-0450 or wandaterry@yahoo.com.