

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

Wednesday, January 25

Office closed



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

January 22, 2023

10:30 am



*Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and righting,
There is a field. I'll meet you there.*

*When the soul lies down in the grass,
The world is too full to talk about.
Ideas, language, even the phrase "each other"
Doesn't make any sense.*

—Rumi, from *The Essential Rumi*



If you do not wish to keep this bulletin, please recycle it. Thanks.

Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude *You Are My Light* CCUCC choir
Dave and Jean Perry

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

***Invitation to Worship:** Susan Poch

God is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
God is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
I believe I shall see the goodness of the Holy One in the land of the living.
Wait for the Holy One; be strong, and let your heart take courage.

***Hymn** *God Is My Shepard* #479

Prayer for Wholeness

Holy and merciful One, hear us as we open ourselves to you. We confess that we do not always live as we know we should. Often we go about our activities as if we were disconnected from others. We limit the depth and the number of our relationships and often view them as merely temporary. Help us to abide in you, O God, and in so doing, live in an eternal, intimate unity with all.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Special Music *Come on Down to the House* Jenn Hackman, vocals
Tom Waits

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Silent Meditation

Ancient Witnesses Isaiah 2:2-4 Susan Poch

In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.

Ephesians 2:19-22

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Sermon *Till We Meet Again* Steve Van Kuiken

***Hymn** *The Summons* (insert)

Responding to Live Faithfully

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. †**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Family* Jenn Hackman, vocals
Dar Williams

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

Sent with Love into the World

Liturgy of Farewell (insert)

***Hymn** *Send Down the Fire* (insert)

*Benediction/Passing of the Peace

***Response** *God Be With You* #81

**God be with you till we meet a-gain; By good coun-sel guide, up-hold you,
With a shep-herd's care en-fold you: God be with you till we meet a-gain.**

*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.

There will be a goodbye party in Brewster Hall for Steve **today 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!

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? 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.

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. The link to the Covenant is in the weekly email and copies are available in the narthex.

Sunday, January 29, we will have a special Neighbors in Need offering. The UCC Neighbors in Need "BEHOLD!" offering focuses on economic justice.

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.