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 Nimiipuu 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

Sunday, January 8

Movie-Fences 5pm

Monday, January 9

Council meeting 7pm

Wednesday, January 11

Congregational Life 7pm

Office closed



Community Congregational United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

January 8, 2023

10:30 am



Goodness is stronger than evil; Love is stronger than hate; Life is stronger than death; Victory is ours through Him who loved us.

—Desmond Tutu



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

Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude

We Three Kings Of Orient Are

Kathy Spencer, piano

Steve Van Kuiken

arr. Henry Kilken

Welcome

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

*Invitation to Worship:

Susan Poch

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

It was in the beginning with God.
Those to whom the Word came did not accept the Word.

But to those who received the Word, power was given to become children of God.

*Hymn

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

#51

Prayer for Wholeness

Holy God, you sent a star to guide the wise men to the child Jesus. We confess that we have not always followed the light of your word. Often, we have not searched for signs of love in the world or trusted your good news to be good. Sometimes we have refused the peace that Jesus was born to bring. We have expected little, and hoped for less. Renew within us all fine desires that we may watch and wait for your love and compassion to enter every trembling heart.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Anthem

Sing Now A Song Of A Child Who Was Born CCUCC choir arr. Sally Ann Morris

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Silent Meditation

Ancient Witness

Matthew 2: 1-12

Susan Poch

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Sermon Christmaswise Steve Van Kuiken

*Hymn We Three Kings (insert)

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory The Repose Of The Holy Family Anjuli Dodhia, vocals Hector Berlioz

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

Sent with I ove into the World

*Hymn Arise, Your Light Is Come

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*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

Movie Nights at the Church-Join us tonight for movie night. Movies start at 5:15 in Brewster Hall. January's movie (today) 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 4, 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 weekly update for items/sizes needed.

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.