

# 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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#### 2022/23 Church Council

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Outreach Team: Nancy Mack

#### THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

##### Monday, February 27

Council meeting 7pm

##### Wednesday, March 1

Office closed



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### United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

February 26, 2023

10:30 am



*Leaving home in a sense involves a kind of second birth in which we give birth ourselves.*

Robert Neelly Bellah



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# Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

**Prelude** *Poor Wayfaring Stranger* Ginny Hauser, flute  
arr, by Carol Troutman Wiggins

**Welcome** Gary Jewell  
God is with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Announcements/Joys/Concerns

**\*Invitation to Worship:** Darin Paulson

From the beginning You, O Creator of the Universe, created all things beautiful

**And the Word was God....and it was called beauty.**

From the beginning, You, O Maker of Galaxies, set before us infinite spaces within, and beyond

**And the Word was God....and it was called mystery.**

From the beginning, You, O Animator of Flesh, breathed within us the breath that calls us into this life.

**And the Word was God....and it was called "being".**

From the beginning, You, O Giver of Opportunity, ordained that we should tend to Your lovely garden

**So that all may flourish and grow.**

Bless this time of our worship, O Loving Earth Maker, that we may again remember who we really are.

**\*Hymn** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* #12

## Prayer for Wholeness

Prince of Peace,  
from peace that is not peace,  
from the grip of all that is evil, from a violent righteousness....  
**deliver us.**

From paralysis of will,  
from lies and misnaming,  
from terror of truth....  
**deliver us.**

From hardness of heart,  
from trading in slaughter,  
from the worship of death....  
**deliver us.**

By the folly of your gospel,  
by your choosing our flesh,  
by your nakedness and pain...  
**heal us.**

By your weeping over the city,  
by your refusal of the sword,  
by your facing of pain....

**heal us.**

By your bursting from the tomb,  
by your coming in judgment,  
by your longing for peace....

**heal us.**

Grant us peace. Amen.

*(Silent Prayer)*

## Assurance of Grace

**Anthem** *Lift Every Voice and Sing* CCUCC choir  
James Weldon Johnson & J. Rosamond Johnson

# Connecting with Sacred Stories

## Silent Meditation

**Ancient Witness** Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-13 Darin Paulson

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.”

**Sermon** *Leaving Home* Gary Jewell

**\*Hymn** *Come to Tend God's Garden* #586

# 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** *Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God* Samuel Leeper  
Carl E. Mueller Kathy Spencer

# Sent with Love into the World

**\*Hymn** *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry* #351

## \*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.

A special collection to benefit victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria will be taken today, Sunday, February 26. Please make a check payable to CCUCC and mark "Earthquake Relief" in the note field. See weekly update for more info about other donations for disaster relief.

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.