

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.

Community Congregational

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THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Monday, March 12

Justice & Witness 6:30pm

Wednesday, March 15

Office closed

Thursday, March 16

Congregational Care 1:30pm



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

March 12, 2023

10:30 am



“They both listened silently to the water, which to them was not just water, but the voice of life, the voice of Being, the voice of perpetual Becoming.”



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

Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude *Let Us Break Bread Together* Kathy Spencer, piano
arr. John Carter

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

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

***Invitation to Worship:** Beth Waddel

Sing to the Lord a new song,
Sing praise from the ends of the earth,
You who go down to the sea, and all this is in it,
You islands, and all who live in them.
Let the desert and its towns raise their voices;
Let them give glory and praise to God.

***Hymn** *Come Thou Font of Every Blessing* #459

Prayer for Wholeness

God of love and justice,
We thirst for peace within and peace without.
We thirst for harmony in our families,
For serenity in the midst of struggle, and commitment to each other's growth.
We thirst for the day when our homes will be a dwelling place for your love.
Yet we confess that we are often anxious;
We do not trust each other, and we harbor violence
We are not willing to take the risks and make the sacrifices that love requires.
Look upon us with kindness and grace.
Rule in our homes and in all the world;
Show us how to walk in your paths, through the mercy of our Savior.
Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Anthem *All You Who Are Thirsty* CCUCC choir
arr. Michael Connolly

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Silent Meditation

Ancient Witness John 4: 5-30 Beth Waddel

He came into a Samaritan village to a town called Sychar that bordered the field Jacob had given his son Joseph. Jacob's well was still there. Jesus, worn out by the trip, sat down at the well. It was noon. A woman, a Samaritan, came to draw water. Jesus said, "Would you give me a drink of water?" (His disciples had gone to the village to buy food for lunch.)

The Samaritan woman, taken aback, asked, "How come you, a Jew, are asking me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" (Jews in those days wouldn't be caught dead talking to Samaritans.)

Jesus answered, "If you knew the generosity of God and who I am, you would be asking me for a drink, and I would give you fresh, living water."

The woman said, "Sir, you don't even have a bucket to draw with, and this well is deep. So how are you going to get this 'living water'? Are you a better man than our ancestor Jacob, who dug this well and drank from it, he and his sons and livestock, and passed it down to us?"

Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again and again. Anyone who drinks the water I give will never thirst - not ever. The water I give will be an artesian spring within, gushing fountains of endless life."

The woman said, "Sir, give me this water so I won't ever get thirsty, won't ever have to come back to this well again!"

He said, "Go call your husband and then come back."

"I have no husband," she said.

"You've had five husbands, and the man you're living with now isn't even your husband. You spoke the truth there, sure enough."

"Oh, so you're a prophet! Well, tell me this: Our ancestors worshiped God at this mountain, but you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place for worship, right?"

"Believe me, woman, the time is coming when you Samaritans will worship the Father neither here at this mountain nor there in Jerusalem. You worship guessing in the dark; we Jews worship in the clear light of day. God's way of salvation is made available through the Jews. But the time is coming - it has, in fact, come - when what you're called will not matter and where you go to worship will not matter. God is sheer being itself - Spirit. Those who worship God must do it out of their very being, their spirits, their true selves, in adoration."

The woman said, "I don't know about that. I do know that the Messiah is coming. When the Messiah arrives, we'll get the whole story."

"I am the one," said Jesus. "You don't have to wait any longer or look any further."

Just then his disciples came back. They were shocked. They couldn't believe he was talking with that kind of a woman. No one said what they were all thinking, but their faces showed it.

The woman took the hint and left. In her confusion she left her water pot. Back in the village she told the people,

"Come see a man who knew all about the things I did, who knows me inside and out. Do you think this could be the Messiah?"

And they went out to see for themselves.

Sermon *Universal Thirst* Gary Jewell

***Hymn** *Healer of Our Every Ill* (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

***Hymn** *Eat This Bread* (insert)

After Communion Prayer

Responding to Live Faithfully

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Andante* Ginny Hauser, flute
Ch. W. Gluck

For the month of March, the loose cash offering will go to support Equal Justice Institute.

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *We Are Marching in the Light of God* #526

*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 wearing masks during worship is optional.

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 for our next movie night on **Sunday, March 19th** with the next movie being BlacKkKlansman. Movies start at **5:15** in Brewster Hall. See the weekly update or bulletin board for full details.

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.