

# 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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Building and Grounds Team: Gary Schell

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Congregational Care Team: Mary Carloye

Shared Ministry Team: Charlene Toews

Justice and Witness Team: Ginny Hauser

Outreach Team: Nancy Mack

#### THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

##### Monday, March 20

Stewardship & Finance 12:15pm

##### Tuesday, March 21

Building & Grounds 1:30pm

##### Wednesday, March 22

Office closed



## Community Congregational

### United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

March 19 2023

10:30 am



*The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision.*

*Helen Keller*



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## Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

**Prelude**      *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*      Kathy Spencer, piano  
arr. Larry Shackley

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

**Announcements/Joys/Concerns**

**\*Invitation to Worship:**      Tricia Grantham

*For the love of this world,*

*You have shown us what is good, O God.*

- **By the wonder of light breaking through the mist.**

- By the whisper of the wind blowing through the ponderosa.

- **By the smell of ozone coming after the storm.**

- By the taste of fresh bread warm from the oven.

- **By the feel of cool rich soil teaming with life.**

- And by the joy of fellowship, word, and song when we gather in worship.

**For all that is good...**

**We give you thanks O God.**

**\*Hymn**      *Be Now My Vision*      #451

**Prayer for Wholeness**

**Forgiving God, in a world filled with so much pain,  
we would rather shut our eyes and be blind  
than see things as they really are.**

**Grant us the courage to face the reality of our world,  
and give us the strength to bring your light  
to those who walk in darkness.**

**Help us see others as you see them,  
And forgive us when we do not trust you enough  
To open our eyes to the possibilities before us.**

**Heal our self-inflicted blindness, O God,  
And lead us in the pathways of justice...**

**By the spirit that illumines,  
And by the Christ who leads,  
We pray that we might see in new ways, O God.**

*(Silent Prayer)*

**Assurance of Grace**

**Anthem**      *Let Us Hope When Hope Seems Hopeless*      CCUCC choir  
David Beebe & Emma Lou Diemer

## Connecting with Sacred Stories

**Ancient Witness**      John 9: 1-41      Tricia Grantham  
(insert)

**Sermon**      *Of Sin and Sight*      Gary Jewell

**\*Hymn**      *Amazing Grace*      #547

## 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**      *Nocturne Op. 9, No. 2*      Samuel Leeper, guitar  
Frédéric Chopin

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

## Sent with Love into the World

**\*Hymn**      *Song of the Soul*      Cris Williamson  
(video)

**\*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 is optional during worship.

**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 **tonight February 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.

Next Potluck Plus is **March 23 at 5:30pm**. Our speaker will be Leda Zakarison who will talk about her experience working with Global Ministries in Beirut, Lebanon. Bring a friend and a dish to share and your own tableware.

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.

For the month of March, loose offerings will go to the Equal Justice Institute. Founded in 1989 by Bryan Stevenson, a widely acclaimed public interest lawyer and bestselling author of *Just Mercy*, EJI is a private, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides legal representation to people who have been illegally convicted, unfairly sentenced, or abused in state jails and prisons. We challenge the death penalty and excessive punishment and we provide re-entry assistance to formerly incarcerated people. Our CCUCC Faith Into Action Justice Movies group watched the movie based on the book and it was an extraordinary experience!