

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

Wednesday, March 8

Office closed

Congregational Life 7pm



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

March 5 2023

10:30 am



You have your Lebanon and I have mine.

You have your Lebanon and its dilemma. I have my Lebanon and its beauty. Your Lebanon is an area for men from the West and men from the East. My Lebanon is a flock of birds fluttering in the early morning as shepherds lead their sheep into the meadow and rising in the evening as farmers return from their fields and vineyards.

- Gibran Kahlil Gibran, "The Eye of the Prophet" 1920



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

Gathering of All Who Seek God’s Presence

Prelude Gather Us In Kathy Spencer
Marty Haugen: arr. Jeanne Cotter

Welcome Leda Zakarison

God is with you.
And also with you.

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

*Call : Bill Condon

One: God of Life,
All: you are as near to us as our breath.

One: Touch our eyes,
All: that we may see you in one another.

One: Open our ears,
All: that we may hear your voice in the cries of the oppressed.

One: Enter our hearts,
All: that we may be filled with your love toward all people.

One: Come, O God of life and breath and wholeness.
All: Be with us now. Show us the way to new life and grant us the courage to be people of your Way.

*Hymn This Is My Song #591

Prayer for Wholeness

Creator God, you made us to be neighbors, members of one family blessed with great diversity.
You created us to be helpers and friends to one another, entrusting to us your justice and your joy. Yet we have denied justice and joy to many, creating worlds of poverty, pain, lost opportunities, and absence of hope. In so many ways, we break each other’s hearts. Still, you do not reject us. We ask your forgiveness and pray to be transformed.
Brief period of silence

Unison prayer

Loving God, you restore us to each other and to you, mending our hearts and repairing the world.
Through the power of your Spirit, you shape us to be for others what Christ is for us: pardon and peace, new life and blessing. We give you thanks for your love, forgiveness, and constant presence. Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Anthem Morning Has Broken CCUCC choir
Cat Stevens: arr. Harry Simeone

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Silent Meditation

Ancient Witness Mark 7: 24-30 Bill Condon

24 From there Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre.[f] He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, 25 but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. 26 Now the woman was a gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27 He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” 28 But she answered him, “Sir,[g] even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” 29 Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” 30 And when she went home, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone.

Sermon Healing Together Leda Zakarison

*Hymn Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant #539
verses 1-4; repeat verse 1

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. †

Lord’s Prayer in Arabic

Abana alathie fi asamawat (Our Father, who art in heaven,)
li yatakadas ismok, (hallowed be thy name,)
li ya’atie malakotok, (thy kingdom come,)
litakon mashia tok, (thy will be done,)
kama fisama’, (in heaven)
kathaleka ala al ard. (as well as on earth.)
A’atinia khubzana, (Give us bread,)
Kafafa yawmina, (for our life today,)
wa igfer lana khatayana (and forgive us our trespasses)
kama nahnu naghfer (as we forgive)
la man akhta’a elayna. (those who trespass against us.)
Wa la tudkhilna (And do not lead us)
fit a jareeb, (into temptation,)
laken najjina (but deliver us)
min ashireer. (from the evil one.)
Amin.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Wa Habibi (Oh, my dear) Fairouz

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

Sent with Love into the World

*Hymn Called As Partner’s In Christ’s Service #495
verses 1-3

*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 that mask wearing will be 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.

Today, Sunday, March 5th, at 3:00 PM is the monthly Bishop Place Hymnsing in the Social Room of the Bishop Place apartment building. Come join us and sing some of your favorite hymns.

Movie Nights at the Church-Because of WSU Spring Break and the Academy Awards being on Sunday March 12, Movie Night this month has been changed to Sunday, March 19th. As always we will meet at 5:00pm for pizza and the movie will begin at 5:15pm. The movie this month is “BlacKkKlansman”. It is a 2018 American biographical black comedy crime thriller film directed by Spike Lee. Hope to see you all there.

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!