

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 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

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Outreach Team: Nancy Mack

THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Monday, April 17

Stewardship & Finance 12:15pm

Tuesday, April 18

Building & Grounds 1:30pm

Wednesday, April 19

Faith Into Action Movie 3:30pm

Office closed

Thursday, April 20

Palouse Citizen Climate Lobby 5:30pm



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

April 16, 2023

10:30 am



*There lives more faith in honest doubt, believe me,
than in half the creeds.*

-Alfred Lord Tennyson

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude *Serenade To Spring* Ginny Hauser, flute
Rolf Lovland

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

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

***Invitation to Worship:** Kym Dye

***Hymn** *For the Beauty of the Earth* #28

Invitation to Worship

Risen Christ, you open doors and dismantle barriers,
**open our hearts this morning to praise you,
that we might live the full truth of who we are.**
Holy Presence, open our hearts to the transforming power of your love,
that we might forgive and reconcile, and learn the ways of peace.
Holy Spirit, shape us into a more authentic community of hope,
so we might live and tell of your grace to all the world.
We pray in the name of the One who walked among us
as brother and friend. Amen

Confessing Faith

**We are not alone; we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who is creating.
We believe in the risen Christ,
the Word Made Flesh, sent to reconcile and make new.
We believe in the Spirit who works to bring healing to the world.
We trust in the Creator by whose love the world is sustained
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect for creation, to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen, our teacher and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death... God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Anthem *Gentle Voice* CCUCC choir
Susan Naus Dengler & Lee Dengler Diane Worthey, violin

Ancient Witness John 20: 19-31 Kym Dye

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon *The Virtue of Doubt* Gary Jewell

***Hymn** *We Live by Faith* #256

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 *If God Be For Us, Who Can Be Against Us?*
Handel Bryn Navarrete, soprano

For the month of April, the loose cash offering will go to the Pastor's discretionary fund.

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *I am the Light of the World* #584

*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** with the next movie being *Pride*. Movies start at **5:15** in Brewster Hall. See the weekly update or bulletin board for full details.

Family Promise Comfort Food Cookoff fundraiser is **Saturday, April 22nd 5-7pm** at The Gladish..

Next Adopt-a-Highway is **Sunday, April 23rd**. Meet in the parking lot at **1pm**.

On **Monday, April 24th** there is a cleanup day at Simpson Methodist Church at **11am-3pm**. See weekly update for signup information.

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.