

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.

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THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Monday, May 15

Stewardship & Finance 12:15pm

Tuesday, May 16

Building & Grounds 1:30pm

Wednesday, May 17

Office Closed

Thursday, May 18

Search Committee 7pm

Saturday, May 20

NoraMae Olf's Memorial 10:30 am



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

May 14, 2023

10:30 am



If you have the chance to be exposed to a loving, understanding environment where the seed of compassion, loving kindness, can be watered every day, then you become a more loving person.

-Thich Nhat Hanh



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

Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude *Intermezzo, Op. 118, No. 2* Kathy Spencer, piano
Brahms

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

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

***Invitation to Worship:** Sandy Evenson
Beloved, we are called to love one another, because love is from God.
God's love is poured in us from our birth.
We are called to extend the love of God to all people.
God's love is taught to us through the witness of God's faithful people.
We are called to proclaim God's love in all that we say and do.
In all creation, in all our relationships, may God's love be made know.
AMEN

***Hymn** *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us* #583

Invitation to Wholeness

God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace without. We long for harmony in our families, for serenity in the midst of struggle, and for commitment to each other's growth. We long 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 hard choices 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 *In This Very Room* CCUCC choir
Ron and Carol Harris

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13 Sandy Evenson

Love Is Indispensable

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.

When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.

For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Sermon *It Comes Down to One Thing* Gary Jewell

***Hymn** *God Made from One Blood* #427

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 *Mothering God* Sam Leeper, tenor
based on writing of Julian of Norwich
composed by Janet Peachey

For the month of May, loose offerings will go to IAC, Intersectional Advocacy Coalition of Whitman County.

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *We Are Dancing Sarah's Circle* #501

*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.

Next **Faith Exploration Class** will be **May 21** after worship in the Conference Room.

Congregation members are invited to peruse the collection of music CDs on the conference room table and take home any that are of interest to you. See the weekly update for details. Questions? Please contact Ginny Hauser

Members of the Environmental Justice Faith into Action group invite you to join us for a film screening. "Covenant of the Salmon People" at the LCSC Silverthorne Theatre on **May 25**. We can carpool to Lewiston. Please contact Charlene Toews if you plan to go. Seating is limited, so they are requesting reservations. Cjtoews@yahoo.com or 559-281-7856. CONENANT OF THE SALMON PEOPLE is a 60 minute documentary portrait of the Nez Perce Tribe as they continue to carry out their ancient promise to protect the Chinook salmon.

Movie Nights at the Church-Join us for our next movie night on **May 21st** with the next movie being To Kill A Mockingbird. Movies start at **5:15** in Brewster Hall. See the weekly update or bulletin board for full details.

Meals on Wheels: Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels deliveries **June 16-July 8**. Meal pick-up takes place outside the front entrance of Bishop Place at **11:15am** every day. Each route takes about one hour to complete. If you're able to volunteer this summer, please sign up with the link in the weekly update. Any questions, contact Wanda Terry at wandaterry@yahoo.com or 509-595-0450 (call or text).