

# 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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Outreach Team: Nancy Mack

#### THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

##### Wednesday, May 24

Office Closed

##### Thursday, May 25

Search Committee 7pm

##### Friday, May 26

Brown Bag Conversations 12pm



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### United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

May 21, 2023

10:30 am



Wisdom cries aloud in the street,  
in the markets she raises her voice;  
at the head of the noisy streets she cries out;  
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks

-Proverbs 1: 20-21



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# Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

## Connecting with Sacred Stories

**Prelude** *You'll Never Walk Alone* Ginny Hauser, flute  
Rogers & Hammerstein

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

### Announcements/Joys/Concerns

**\*Call to Worship:** Daniel McCloskey

Into this world we are born,  
**Into the beauty and sorrow of everyday life.**  
Into this day we awake,  
**Into possibility and the unknown.**  
Into this scared space we are welcomed,  
**Into God's grace and each other's truth.**  
So let us worship our God this day,  
**The One who's name is a mystery,**  
The One who calls us by our true name.

**\*Hymn** *Bring Many Names* #11

### Call to Confession

We are not alone, we live in God's world.  
We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit,  
We trust in God.  
We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge 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** *My Lord, What A Morning* CCUCC choir  
arr. Dick Averre

**Ancient Witness** Acts 17:22-31 Daniel McCloskey

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. God is not served by human hands, as if God needed anything. Rather, God himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one person God made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and God marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek God and perhaps reach out for God and find God, though God is not far from any one of us. 'For in God we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are God's offspring.'

"Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now God commands all people everywhere to change course. For God has set a day when the world will be judged with justice by the One whom God has appointed. God has given proof of this to everyone by raising Jesus from the dead."

**Sermon** *To An Unknown God* Gary Jewell

**\*Hymn** *We Limit not the Truth of God* #316

## 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** *Sun Of My Soul* Kathy Spencer, piano  
arr. Kurt Kaiser

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

## Sent with Love into the World

**\*Hymn** *Where Charity and Love Prevail* #396

### \*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 **today, May 21** after worship in the Conference Room.

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 is **today, 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).

Food Collection bins: To help clean up the narthex, the food collection bins will be moved to the west wall (parking lot wall) of the Julius Room in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you so much for helping provide food for those in need. The need is ongoing so please continue leaving your donations in the blue food bins now situated in the Julius Room.

Last chance! All items not claimed from the lost and found box in the narthex today will be donated.