

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

United Church of Christ

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Justice and Witness Team: Ginny Hauser

Outreach Team: Nancy Mack

THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Monday, May 8

Justice & Witness 6:30pm

Wednesday, May 10

Congregational Life 7pm

Office closed

Thursday, May 11

Congregational Care 1:30pm

Search Committee 7pm



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

May 7, 2023

10:30 am



“I have come so that you may have life...life in all it's fullness”

-Jesus (the Good Shepherd)



Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude *Sheep May Safely Graze* Ginny Hauser, flute
Handel

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

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

***Call to Worship:** Darin Paulson

Come, let us worship,
For we are the people of God's pasture.
Come, let us worship and bow down,
For we are the sheep of God's hand.
Come, let us worship and bow down before the Lord, our Maker.
For the Lord is our God,
And with God we celebrate in worship!

***Hymn** *Joy to the World* #132

Invitation to Wholeness

God of resurrection and life,
You disperse the shadows of crucifixion
by the light of resurrection.
We rejoice in your power
that turns sorrow into joy,
despair into hope,
defeat into victory,
and evil into goodness.
Set our spirits free, on this day
to live through our bodies,
the truths we declare with our tongues.
"On earth as it is in heaven."

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Anthem *I Am The Good Shepherd* CCUCC choir
Eugene Englert

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Silent Meditation

Ancient Witness John 10: 1-10 Darin Paulson

“Let me set this before you as plainly as I can. If a person climbs over or through the fence of a sheep pen instead of going through the gate, you know he’s up to no good—a sheep rustler! The shepherd walks right up to the gate. The gatekeeper opens the gate to him and the sheep recognize his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he gets them all out, he leads them and they follow because they are familiar with his voice. They

won’t follow a stranger’s voice but will scatter because they aren’t used to the sound of it.”

Jesus told this simple story, but they had no idea what he was talking about. So he tried again. “I’ll be explicit, then. I am the Gate for the sheep. All those others are up to no good—sheep rustlers, every one of them. But the sheep didn’t listen to them. I am the Gate. Anyone who goes through me will be cared for—will freely go in and out, and find pasture. A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.

Sermon *Invited to Fullness* Gary Jewell

***Hymn** *My Shepherd Is the Living God* #247

Celebration of Communion

Invitation

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. †

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

After Communion Prayer

Responding to Live Faithfully

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *We Are God's People* Kathy Spencer, piano
arr. Jeanne Cotter

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

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* #417

*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 during worship is optional.

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.

Adopt-A-Highway is today. Meet in the parking lot at **1pm**.

Hymnsing is today at 3pm in the Dining Room at Bishop Place.

Our first **Faith Exploration Class** will be **today** 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. If you have questions, 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 Sil-verthorne 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. COVENANT 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.

If you bought tickets to the Comfort Food Cook-Off that was canceled, you can either ask for a refund or leave it as a donation to Family Promise.

Movie Nights at the Church-Join us for our next movie night on **Sunday, 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.

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.