

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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Finance and Stewardship Team: Herb Hill

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Shared Ministry Team: Charlene Toews

Justice and Witness Team: Ginny Hauser

Outreach Team: Nancy Mack

THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Monday, June 12

Justice & Witness 6:30pm

Tuesday, June 13

Building & Grounds 1:30pm

Wednesday, June 14

Office Closed

Thursday, June 15

Search Committee 7pm



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

June 11, 2023

10:30 am



“...healing isn’t just the part that looks like healing. You don’t just get fixed in a weekend. You have to keep making the choice to fix yourself. Every time you choose to be nice to yourself instead of being unkind. Every time you decide to experience life fully in all its shades of joy and sorrow. Every time you participate in the boring drudgery of self-care. The whole thing was the healing—everything that came before and everything that’s happened after.”

— Sam Lansky, [Broken People](#)



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Gathering of All Who Seek God’s Presence

Prelude	Prelude Op. 28, No. 9 Chopin	Kathy Spencer, piano
Welcome		Gary Jewell
God is with you. And also with you.		
Announcements/Joys/Concerns		
*Call to Worship:		Nancy Mack
Holy God, whose presence is known in the structures we build, And also in their collapse; As we gather here this morning, In your calling to be a community of hope, We gather not to contain your mystery, By clinging to the nostalgia of the past, Nor to direct your mystery By assuming we know more than we do. But we gather to be led beyond security Into your sacred space, By the gift of your breath, In the beauty of word and song... Come, Holy One, we are here! Amen		

*Hymn	To You O God All Creatures Sing	#17
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Invitation to Wholeness:	(Reading of Psalm 19: 1-4)
Creating God, for those who are wise to the ways of your earth: Thank you. For those who listen to the language of tree, rock, river, earth, ocean, stars, creatures, sky: Praise. Teach us the vocabulary to convey our care, the works to tell the earth we hear her crying for peace, the syllables of solace for all we have lost, the gestures of healing for all we have harmed. AMEN.	

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Special Music	God’s Eye Is On The Sparrow Unlisted Arranger	Kym Dye, piano
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Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness	Matthew 9: 9-13; 18-26	Nancy Mack
Passing along, Jesus saw a man at his work collecting taxes. His name was Matthew. Jesus said, “Come along with me.” Matthew stood up and followed him. Later when Jesus was eating supper at Matthew’s house with his close		

followers, a lot of disreputable characters came and joined them. When the Pharisees saw him keeping this kind of company, they had a fit, and lit into Jesus’ followers. “What kind of example is this from your Teacher, acting cozy with crooks and misfits?” Jesus, overhearing, shot back, “Who needs a doctor: the healthy or the sick? Go figure out what this Scripture means: ‘I’m after mercy, not religion.’ I’m here to invite outsiders, not coddle insiders.” As he finished saying this, a local official appeared, bowed politely, and said, “My daughter has just now died. If you come and touch her, she will live.” Jesus got up and went with him, his disciples following along. Just then a woman who had hemorrhaged for twelve years slipped in from behind and lightly touched his robe. She was thinking to herself, “If I can just put a finger on his robe, I’ll get well.” Jesus turned—caught her at it. Then he reassured her: “Courage, daughter. You took a risk of faith, and now you’re well.” The woman was well from then on. By now they had arrived at the house of the town official, and pushed their way through the gossips looking for a story and the neighbors bringing in casseroles. Jesus was abrupt: “Clear out! This girl isn’t dead. She’s sleeping.” They told him he didn’t know what he was talking about. But when Jesus had gotten rid of the crowd, he went in, took the girl’s hand, and pulled her to her feet—alive. The news was soon out, and traveled throughout the region.

Sermon	United in Brokenness	Gary Jewell
*Hymn	Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant?	#539

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	Heartstrings Rolf Lovland	Ginny Hauser, flute
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For the month of June, loose offerings will go to Community Action Center.

Sent with Love into the World

*Hymn	Draw the Circle Wide	(insert)
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*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.

Meals on Wheels: Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels deliveries **June 16-July 8**. 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.

June 11th, The Ability Experience Bicyclists are coming and the UCC has offered to host them with a meal and a spot on the floor to place a bedroll to sleep. The Congregation is welcomed to join in a spaghetti feed and dessert social at **6:00 on Sunday, June 11th**. Austin Gothard, the project manager for the trip, will be the featured speaker after dinner. Bring a dessert to share (there will be ice cream) and come learn about how this group of young men provide philanthropy for people with special needs by biking across the US.

Next Faith Development Class will be **Sunday, June 18th** following worship. The topic is a conversation on “God.”