

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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Faith Development Team: open
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Justice and Witness Team: Ginny Hauser
Outreach Team: Nancy Mack

THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Monday, June 19

Stewardship & Finance 12:15pm

Juneteenth-office closed

Wednesday, June 21

Office Closed

Thursday, June 22

Search Committee 7pm



Community Congregational United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

June 18, 2023

10:30 am



“I am beginning to see that much of praying is grieving. This grief is so deep not just because the human sin is so great, but also—and more so—because the divine love is so boundless. To become like the Father whose only authority is compassion, I have to shed countless tears and so prepare my heart to receive anyone, whatever their journey has been, and forgive them from that heart.”

— Henri J.M. Nouwen, [The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming](#)

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

Gathering of All Who Seek God’s Presence

Prelude *On Eagles’ Wings* Kristie Gladhill
Michael Joncas Mary Carloye

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

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

***Call to Worship:** Response to Psalm 139: 1-12 Tricia Grantham

We’ve come to worship God,
who loved us before we were yet born,
who knows us even better than we know ourselves,
**whose presence never leaves us,
and whose love never ceases.**
This is our God.
Let’s worship together!

***Hymn** *Colorful Creator* #30

Invitation to Wholeness:

Called in from our busy week,
We gather here, in community, to be reminded of something....
What is it?

Let us sit together for a moment and try to recall...

Where did the Spirit take us this week?
What did we learn? (pause)
Where did we see Christ in the world?
How were we touched? (pause)?

Now, take four slow deep breathes and rest in the Holy Mystery. (pause)

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Special Music *Bist du Bei Mir (If Thou Be Near)* Ginny, Katie &
J. S. Bach Carl Hauser

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness Luke 15: 11-24 Tricia Grantham

And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the

younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

Sermon *Home Coming* Gary Jewell

***Hymn** *Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God* (insert)

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 *Amazing Grace* Kristie Gladhill
arr. Larry Moore Mary Carloye

For the month of June, loose offerings will go to Community Action Center.

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* #351

*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: As of June 13, volunteers are needed for 4 dates: **June 23, June 25, July 2 and July 8.** If you’re in town and can help, 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.

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

Monday, June 19th noon-4pm there is a Freedom Celebration at Moscow’s Friendship Square for Juneteenth.

Save the Date! **Sunday, June 25th**, is PRIDE Sunday. Join us for a Joy-filled service followed by food and art activities in Fellowship Hall. Families and friends are invited to share their handprints as we create a rainbow heart banner. You don't want to miss Carl's amazing Rainbow Jello! Contact Ginny Hauser if you’d like to volunteer to help at ginny.hauser@gmail.com.

Would you like to learn how to be an Usher (it really is easy)? What you do to bring a few goodies for coffee hour about once every three months? Please give your name and email to the office and the Congregational Life Team will contact you.