

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

Wednesday, June 7

Office closed

Thursday, June 8

Congregational Care 1:30pm

Search Committee 7pm

Palouse CORE 7:30pm

Friday, June 9

Outreach 10am

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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

June 4, 2023

10:30 am



"One can choose to go back toward safety or forward toward growth. Growth must be chosen again and again; fear must be overcome again and again."

-Abraham Maslow



Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude *Deep Within* Kathy Spencer, piano
David Haas, arr. Richard Cotter

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

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

***Call to Worship:** Darin Paulson

The Lord is continually creating something new
We are part of that creation, renewed, redeemed, beloved.
Through all this change, God is with us.
Though we struggle and doubt, yet God is faithful
Praise be to God who continually blesses us.
Let our hearts, our voices, and our spirits sing God's praises.

***Hymn** *What Is This Place* (insert)

Invitation to Wholeness

God, You call us to step out in faith,
to place our lives in Your hands,
and to wholeheartedly commit to following You.
We confess that we find this difficult to do.
It is not always easy to follow where You lead—
to turn away from our own personal wants and desires,
to let go of our safety nets
and trust that You will provide for us in all things.
Forgive us when we doubt You, God.
Increase our faith.
Open our eyes to see past our own interests and concerns,
to Your broader vision for us and for our world.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Special Music *Michael Row The Boat Ashore* Ginny Hauser, flute
arr. James Michael Stevens

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Silent Meditation

Ancient Witness Matthew 14: 22-36 Darin Paulson

As soon as the meal was finished, he insisted that the disciples get in the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he dismissed the people. With the crowd dispersed, he climbed the mountain so he could be by himself and pray. He stayed there alone, late into the night. Meanwhile, the boat

was far out to sea when the wind came up against them and they were battered by the waves. At about four o'clock in the morning, Jesus came toward them walking on the water. They were scared to death. "A ghost!" they said, crying out in terror. But Jesus was quick to comfort them. "Courage, it's me. Don't be afraid." Peter, suddenly bold, said, "Master, if it's really you, call me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come ahead." Jumping out of the boat, Peter walked on the water to Jesus. But when he looked down at the waves churning beneath his feet, he lost his nerve and started to sink. He cried, "Master, save me!" Jesus didn't hesitate. He reached down and grabbed his hand. Then he said, "Faint-heart, what got into you?" The two of them climbed into the boat, and the wind died down. The disciples in the boat, having watched the whole thing, worshiped Jesus, saying, "This is it! You are God's Son for sure!" On return, they beached the boat at Gennesaret. When the people got wind that he was back, they sent out word through the neighborhood and rounded up all the sick, who asked for permission to touch the edge of his coat. And whoever touched him was healed.

Sermon *Stepping Out Of The Boat* Gary Jewell

***Hymn** *Tu Has Venido a la Orilla* #173

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 *Every Time I Feel The Spirit* Kathy Spencer, piano
arr. John Carter

*For the month of June, the loose cash offering will go to support
Community Action Center.*

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *Over My Head* #514

*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.

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

Focus groups for the new pastor search are **today, June 4th and June 11th** after worship. You only have to attend one. Please have your documents completed or if you cannot attend, you can return your documents to the office or in the box in the narthex.

Meals on Wheels: Thanks to everyone who has signed up to volunteer for Meals on Wheels deliveries June 16-July 8. **As of May 30, all slots have been filled except two dates: July 2 and July 8.** If you're in town and can help, please sign up using the link in the weekly update. Each route takes about an hour to complete. Any questions, contact Wanda Terry at 509-595-0450 (call or text). Thanks for your help!

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.

We are hosting Family Promise of the Palouse for two weeks and need volunteers **June 4-11.** See the weekly update for the link. Find the signup with Suzanne's email. Her email is <skopansakwa@gmail.com>. We're also in need of frozen chicken nuggets, grape and strawberry jam, and bread. Check the label to make sure the item is dairy-free. Let Suzanne or Lynn know if you want to be included on the email list. Thank you for supporting this program!

On 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.

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!