### 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 Core Values of Progressive Christianity

By calling ourselves progressive Christians, we mean we are Christians who...

- 1. Believe that following the way and teaching of Jesus can lead to experiencing sacredness, wholeness, and unity of all life, even as we recognize that the Spirit moves in beneficial ways in many faith traditions.
- 2. Seek community that is inclusive of all people, honoring differences in theological perspective, age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, class, or ability.
- 3. Strive for peace and justice among all people, knowing that behaving with compassion and selfless love towards one another is the fullest expression of what we believe.
- Embrace the insights of contemporary science and strive to protect the Earth and ensure its integrity and sustainability.
- Commit to a path of life-long learning, believing there is more value in questioning than in absolutes.

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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.* 

### **Community Congregational United Church of Christ**

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### STAFF SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

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Julie Tarlyn

**Kathy Spencer** Organ/Piano

Megan Guido

8:30am-1:30pm

Usher: Tricia Grantham Liturgist: Lisa Carloye

Coffee Hour: Barbara Hammond



# **Community Congregational** United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

July 16, 2023

10:30 am



"I suddenly understood that if every moment of a book should be taken seriously, then every moment of a life should be taken seriously as well."

> -Sherman Alexie. The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

#### 2023/24 Church Council

Moderator: Susan Poch Moderator-Elect: Darin Paulson Treasurer: Carl Hauser Clerk: Frances Clark Finance and Stewardship Team: Herb Hill Building and Grounds Team: Gary Schell Faith Development Team: open Congregational Life Team: Charla Chaudhry Congregational Care Team: Mary Carloye Shared Ministry Team: Charlene Toews Justice and Witness Team: Ginny Hauser Outreach Team: Nancy Mack

#### THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Monday, July 17 Stewardship & Finance 12:15pm Wednesday, July 19 Office closed Thursday, July 20

Search Committee 7pm



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## Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

**Prelude**Deep River
Arry Shackley

Kathy Spencer, piano

Welcome

God is with you.

And also with you.

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

\*Call to Worship:

Lisa Carloye

Gary Jewell

Leader: Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding,

People: for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold.

Leader: She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her.

People: Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor.

Leader: Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace.

People: She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed.

\*Hymn Gather Us In (insert)

### **Prayer for Wholeness**

God, guide us in the right way.

Help us to see this life as the wonderful opportunity that it is

Written in the eight billion human stories being told.

Unite us in this human tapestry so that we may gain

wisdom....strength....challenge....encouragement... in sight....compassion

Keep us open to the voices of....

- the broken hearted. - the oppressed. - the outsiders - the survivors -

the wise and the not yet wise

Give us the courage to live our stories with gratitude.

Open our hearts and minds, to be humble learners.

Keep us centered when we are confused

Help us to be responders rather than reactors.

Keep us well on this journey of growth.

Mindful that we are all your children

Made in your image.

Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

**Assurance of Grace** 

Special Music Air On The G String Ginny Hauser, flute

J. S. Bach

**Instruction on Quilting** Lisa Carloye

## Connecting with Sacred Stories

**Ancient Witness** 

Genesis 32: 22-32

Lisa Carloye

That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

The man asked him, "What is your name?"

"Jacob," he answered. Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome." Jacob said, "Please tell me your name."

But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared." The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip. Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the tendon attached to the socket of the hip, because the socket of Jacob's hip was touched near the tendon.

SermonThe Sacred Name We CarryGary Jewell\*HymnYou Are the Salt of the Earth, O People#181

# 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.

men †

-The Lord's Prayer Adapted in A New Zealand Prayer Book

#### **Invitation to the Offering**

Offertory

You Raise Me Up
Rolf Lovland & Brendan Graham

Ginny Hauser, flute

For the month of July, the loose cash offering will go to support Pullman Child Welfare.

## Sent with Love into the World

\*Hymn Canticle of the Turning (insert)

\*Benediction/Passing of the Peace

\*Postlude

Sing A New Song
Dan Schutte

\*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.

**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.

**Thank You Meals on Wheels Volunteers!** More than 250 meals were delivered by 15 volunteers from June 16 to July 8. Thanks to Frances Clark, Kathy Slinker, Beth DeWeese, Tricia Grantham, Rae Scott, Nancy Mack, Bill Kerr, Al Frakes, Marion & Dave Yonge, Susan & Mike Poch, MaryAnn & Karl Boehmke, and Wanda Terry.

Save the dates:

\*Today, July 16 help sew the quilt about banned books

\*Sunday, July 30th at 12:40 pm All Church Potluck at Kruegel Park

\*Saturday, August 26, 2023 for attendance at the Palouse PRIDE Parade and event in Moscow. CCUCC will be there to walk in the parade as well as have a table at East City Park.