

# 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.*

## Community Congregational

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#### THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

##### Tuesday, July 4

Office Closed

##### Wednesday, July 5

Office closed

Congregational Life 7pm

##### Thursday, July 6

Search Committee 7pm

##### Friday, July 7

Outreach 10am

##### Saturday, July 8

Sheila Watkins memorial 10am



## Community Congregational

### United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

July 2, 2023

10:30 am



*"Is not the kind of fasting I require to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cord of the yoke."*

- Isaiah 58:6



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# Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

**Prelude** *Psalm 19 - The Heavens Are Telling God's Glory*  
Benedetto Marcello Mary Carloye, organ

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

**Announcements/Joys/Concerns**

**\*Call to Worship:** Charlene Toews  
  
Source of all hope and holiness,  
we gather this morning to be church,  
**Bless those who are absent, but not from our hearts.**  
Bless those who are distant, but not from your love.  
**Bless each of us here that we may**  
**choose justice by your Spirit,**  
**draw kindness from the well of your mercy,**  
**and walk humbly in your path, O God.**  
Amen.

**\*Hymn** *Creating God, Your Fingers Trace* #462

**Invitation to Wholeness**

**O God, who called all life into being,**  
**the earth, sea, and sky are yours.**  
**Your presence is all around us;**  
**every atom is full of your energy.**  
**Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth;**  
**with her we yearn for justice to be done,**  
**for creation to be freed from bondage,**  
**for the hungry to be fed,**  
**for the captives to be released,**  
**for your kingdom of peace to come on earth!**

*(Silent Prayer)*

**Assurance of Grace**

**Special Music** *Teach Your Children* Guy Worthey, piano & voice  
Graham Nash

## Connecting with Sacred Stories

**Silent Meditation**

**Ancient Witness** Matthew 11: 1-15 Charlene Toews

After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee. When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him,

“Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?” Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy[b] are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.” As John’s disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings’ palaces. Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written “‘I will send my messenger ahead of you who will prepare your way before you.’

Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been subjected to violence, and violent people have been raiding it. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

**Sermon** *This is How You Will Know* Gary Jewell

**\*Hymn** *Great Work God Has Begun In You* #353

## 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**

**\*Hymn** *Eat this Bread* (insert)

**After Communion Prayer**

## Responding to Live Faithfully

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory** *Canticle of the Turning* Diane Worthey, violin  
Phelps/Kitchen Mary Carloye, piano

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

## Sent with Love into the World

**\*Hymn** *How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies* #594

**\*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.

**Meals on Wheels:** All delivery slots are now filled for CCUCC's schedule through July 8th. Thanks to all who have volunteered to 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.

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.

**Save the dates:**

**\*July 12 at 6 pm**-Concert/Picnic at Reaney Park

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

**\*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.

Thank you to everyone who helped with and attended the PRIDE Sunday event last weekend. It was a joy-filled day and would not have happened without your support.