

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.
4. Embrace the insights of contemporary science and strive to protect the Earth and ensure its integrity and sustainability.
5. 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 Nimípuu 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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Justice and Witness Team: Ginny Hauser

Outreach Team: Nancy Mack

THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Tuesday, July 10

Justice & Witness 6:30pm

Wednesday, July 12

Office closed

Thursday, July 13

Congregational Care 1:30pm

Search Committee 7pm



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

July 9, 2023

10:30 am



Just because everything is crazy around you, doesn't mean everything has to be crazy within you.



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

Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude *Sing to the Mountains* Ginny Hauser, flute
Bob Dufford, SJ Carl Hauser, clarinet
Katie Hauser, tenor sax

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

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

***Call to Worship:** Nancy Mack
The Lord is our shepherd.
People: All our needs will be met.
God provides a place and time for deep rest and restoration.
God leads us beside still waters; God restores our souls
God leads us in right paths. We do not need to be afraid;
God is with us; now and forever.
Leader: Such faith calls for some singing!

***Hymn** *Sing Them Over Again To Me,* #319
Wonderful Words of Life

Invitation to Wholeness

People who do not hold tightly to things are happy....because all of God's kingdom is theirs.
People who are gentle with the earth....will see it blossom forever.
People who can cry for all the world's suffering....will live to see happiness.
People who hunger and thirst for what is right....will finally have their fill.
People who really care....will find love wherever they go.
People who don't let the world get them down....will see God.
People who make peace happen....know who they are as God's children.
People who give up their own comfort so others can be helped...know what heaven is all about.
Lord, let us be like these!

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Special Music *La Réjouissance (Rejoicing)*
George Frederick Handel

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness Matthew 11: 16-19; 25-30 Nancy Mack

“How can I account for this generation? The people have been like spoiled children whining to their parents, ‘We wanted to skip rope, and you were always too tired; we wanted to talk, but you were always too busy.’ John came

fasting and they called him crazy. I came feasting and they called me a boozier, a friend of the misfits. Opinion polls don't count for much, do they? The proof of the pudding is in the eating.”

Abruptly Jesus broke into prayer: “Thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth. You've concealed your ways from sophisticates and know-it-alls, but spelled them out clearly to ordinary people. Yes, Father, that's the way you like to work.”

Jesus resumed talking to the people, but now tenderly. “The Father has given me all these things to do and say. This is a unique Father-Son operation, coming out of Father and Son intimacies and knowledge. No one knows the Son the way the Father does, nor the Father the way the Son does. But I'm not keeping it to myself; I'm ready to go over it line by line with anyone willing to listen.

“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.”

Sermon *Finding Our Place of Centeredness* Gary Jewell

***Hymn** *There is a Balm in Gilead* #553

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 *Fill My Cup, Lord* Kym Dye, piano
words & music by Richard Blanchard

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

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *God Be with You* #81

***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.

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.

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:

***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.