

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

Wednesday, August 23

Council meeting 7pm

Office closed

Thursday, August 3

Search Committee 7pm



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

August 20, 2023

10:30 am



“The measure of intelligence is the ability to change” -Albert Einstein



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

Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude *I Will Praise Him!* Diane Worthey, violin
Margaret J. Harris, arr. Kristin Campbell

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

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

***Call to Worship** Tricia Grantham

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Let us worship with gladness the God of all creation
Welcome the Spirit with joyful songs.
Rejoice that the Lord is God. It is God who made us,

**We belong to Our Creator;
Spinner of galaxies. Maker of atoms.**

Enter the Holy Gates with thanksgiving.

Come into her courts with praise;
Give thanks to the Great I Am.

**Praise be to the Holy One who calls us into life.
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

***Hymn** *Stars and Planets Flung in Orbit* #567

Call to Wholeness

**Create in us a clean heart, O God.
And renew a right spirit within.
(Prayers for what your spirit needs to flourish.)**

**Do not cast us away from your presence.
Do not take your Holy Spirit from us.
(Prayers for what the world needs to flourish.)**

**Restore to us the joy of our salvation,
And grant within us a willing spirit for the journey.
(Prayers for the people in our lives.)**

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Special Music *Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God* Ginny Hauser, flute
Carl F. Mueller

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness Matthew 15: 10-28 Tricia Grantham

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Sermon *Moved By Compassion* Gary Jewell

***Hymn** *We Limit Not the Truth of God* #316

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 *With You* Kathy Spencer, piano
Jeanne Carter

*For the month of August, the loose cash offering will go to support
Blackbird Ranch Farm Sanctuary.*

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *In Christ There Is No East or West* #394

***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.

Save the dates: (see weekly update for more details)

***Friday, August 25th at 5:30 (new updated time)** Neighborhood BBQ at Sacred Heart Church parking lot.

***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. Volunteers are needed. Contact Megan if you'd like to help.

***Sunday, August 27** Commitment Sunday

***Thursday, August 31 at 7pm** Ukraine In Our Thoughts and Prayers at Trinity Lutheran Church.

***September 15-17:** Retreat at N-Sid-Sen.

***Sunday October 1, 8 and 15 at 5pm** LGBTQIA+ Exploratory Discussion and Dinner. Speakers will be Johnny Taylor and Cathryn Cummings.

It's time to sign up to collect donations from football fans who use the CCUCC parking lot on home game days. There are 6 home games this year: 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 10/14, 11/4 and 11/17 (Friday night). Some game times have not been announced but SignUp Genius will be updated as soon as the information is available. See the weekly update for link to sign up and for all details.

Suggestions are now being taken for future recipients of our monthly loose offerings. If you have a non-profit organization that you would like us to support, please place your suggestion in the rainbow box in the narthex. All recipients should be non-profits and provide services and support to Palouse area residents. Contact Ginny if you have any questions.