## 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.
- Seek community that is inclusive of all people, honoring differences in theological perspective, age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, class, or ability.
- 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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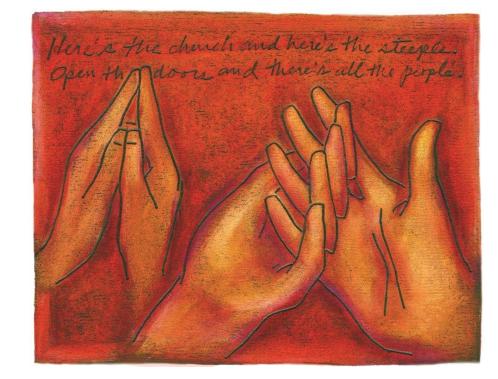


# **Community Congregational** United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

August 6, 2023

10:30 am



### 2023/24 Church Council

Moderator: Susan Poch Moderator-Elect: Darin Paulson Carl Hauser Clerk: Frances Clark Finance and Stewardship Team: Sandy Evenson 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

### Wednesday, August 9

Office closed Congregational Life 7pm

Thursday, August 10

Congregational Care 1:30pm Search Committee 7pm

Religion creates community, community creates altruism and altruism turns us away from self and towards the common good... There is something about the tenor of relationships within a religious community that makes it the best tutorial in citizenship and good neighborliness.

-- Jonathan Sacks



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## Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

**Prelude** Sweet, Sweet Spirit Kathy Spencer, piano

Guy Worthey

(insert)

Doris Akers

Gary Jewell Welcome

God is with you. And also with you.

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

\*Call to Worship:

Veni Sancte Spiritus.

Come, Holy Spirit. Wind of God, mover and shaker of the universe,

Come and shake your church!

Shake the dust out of our ways of thinking and imagining God.

Bring fresh air to our faith, bring back the fire! Comforter, advocate, Holy interpreter of God:

Help us to understand, help us to listen.

You are gently moving among us this morning,

You are here, working miracles in our midst.

Veni Sancte Spiritus.

Come, Holy Spirit. Fill our hearts! Amen.

\*Hymn Holy Spirit, Come with Power

**Call to Confession:** 

We humbly ask that you reawaken our spirits, O God... Because our lives are cluttered by too many things.

Because we are driven by the need to succeed,

Because we are self-satisfied in our achievements and wealth,

Because we are distracted in our busyness.

We forget what is important....your Holy Presence that moves through everything.

And so we pause in this "sweet hour of prayer,"

To attend to your Spirit that courses through our breath.

(With feet on the ground, back straight, shoulders relaxed, eyes closed... breathe and let go.)

(Silent Prayer)

**Assurance of Grace** 

**Special Music** Bless The Beasts And Children Guy Worthey, tenor

Barry De Vorzon & Perry Botkin, Jr.

# Connecting with Sacred Stories

**Ancient Witness** 

1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

Guy Worthey

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Many Gifts, but One Spirit Gary Jewell Sermon \*Hymn Spirit of Gentleness 286

## Celebration of Communion

#### Invitation

Prayers of the People & the Jesus Prayer

Our Mother and Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. vour kingdom come, vour 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 Elevation Dom Paul Benoit Ginny Hauser, flute

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

## Sent with I ove into the World

\*Hymn

All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir

(insert)

### \*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.

**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.

#### Save the dates:

\*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.

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

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 nonprofits and provide services and support to Palouse area residents. Contact Ginny if you have any questions.