

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.

Community Congregational

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Outreach Team: Nancy Mack

THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Wednesday, August 30

Office closed

Thursday, August 31

Search Committee 7pm



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

August 27, 2023

10:30 am



"The world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love."

- Wm. Sloane Coffin

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Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude *My Heart Ever Faithful* Mary Carloye, organ
J. S. Bach Kathy Spencer, piano

Welcome Gary Jewell
This is the day that the Lord has made
Let us Rejoice and be glad!

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

***Call to Worship** Kym Dye

Children of God.... Welcome!
Welcome to this place of love and grace.
Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.
God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community.
God invites all of us to share in the good news...
We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved just as we are.
In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

***Hymn** *Bread for the Journey* (insert)

Call to Wholeness

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? the psalmist asks.
If we ascend to the greatest height, or if we dive to the deepest low, still God is with us, surrounding us with love and mercy. We are safe.
And so in this safety we make our confession in the midst of God's grace.
Let us pray together. *(each line will follow with a pause)*
-When we are weary, O God, give us bread for the journey.
-When we are complacent, O God, set a fire in our bellies.
-When we are frightened, O God, put courage in our hearts and hands.
-When we are angry, O God, turn our anger into faithful response.
-When we are bewildered, O God, help us to see and follow You.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Special Music *Here I am, Lord* Guy Worthey, vocals
Michael Ward Ginny Hauser, flute

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness Isaiah 40: 21-31 Kym Dye

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is God who dwells above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like

grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when Spirit blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? The Creator who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because God is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. God does not faint or grow weary; God understanding is unsearchable. The One Who Made You gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Sermon *Renewed Together* Gary Jewell

***Hymn** *Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant* #539

Covenant of Renewal

(insert)

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 *Take My Life And Let It Be* Ginny Hauser, flute
Henry A. Cesar Malan
arr. Stan Pethel

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

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *Draw the Circle Wide* (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.

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

***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.