

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.

“Core Values of Progressive Christianity”
2022 Edition
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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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THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Tuesday, September 19

Building & Grounds 1:3pm

Wednesday, September 20

Office closed



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

September 17, 2023

10:30 am



*“Bless whatever you can
with eyes and hands and tongue. If you
can't bless it, get ready to make it new.”
-Marge Piercy*



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

Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude *Blest Are They* Kathy Spencer, piano
David Haas, arr. Jeanne Cotter

Welcome Kristine Zakarison
God is with you.
And also with you.

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

***Call to Worship** Kristine Zakarison/ Tricia Grantham

Selections from "The Art of Blessing the Day" by Marge Piercy

***Hymn** *All of God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir* (insert)

Responsive Prayer for Wholeness

(based upon a prayer by Rabbi Alex Weissman)

ONE: Oh World of Miracles, you are supremely broken.
Your shards are painful and cutting.
Your pieces are scattered across the globe, aching for wholeness.

**MANY: We seek justice and peace in you.
We long and love, divine sparks igniting fires within us.**

ONE: We tend the embers and feed the flames, at times nearly consuming
ourselves and our neighbors.

**MANY: We pray open-heartedness and resilience.
We seek grace and peace.
We pursue justice.**

ONE: May the fragments of our world and the brokenness of our souls be
blessed with strength, wisdom, and compassion.

**MANY: May we be whole again, in our days, creatures of your grace,
bearers of your blessing. Amen.**

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Special Music *Inchworm* Guy Worthey, vocals
Danny Kaye

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness Genesis 3: 17-19 Tricia Grantham

To Adam God said:
"Cursed is the ground because of you;
through painful toil you will eat food from it
all the days of your life.
It will produce thorns and thistles for you,
and you will eat the plants of the field.
By the sweat of your brow
you will eat your food
until you return to the ground,
since from it you were taken;
for dust you are
and to dust you will return."

Sermon *Not the End of the Story-The Theology of Vermiculture*
Kristine Zakarison

***Hymn** *God's Eye is on the Sparrow* #475

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 *Simple Gifts* Diane Worthey, violin
arr. John Carter

*For the month of September the loose cash offering will go to support
N-Sid-Sen.*

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *We Cannot Own The Sunlit Sky* #563

***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)

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

*Come celebrate Fall and a new school year with your CCUCC friends and
neighbors at the **Party in the Parking Lot on Saturday October 7th from 6:30-
8:30.** We will transform our parking lot with fire pits, popcorn, s'mores and
cider. Come join in the fellowship and fun. Bring a chair and a friend!

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: 9/16, 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.