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.

"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 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.*

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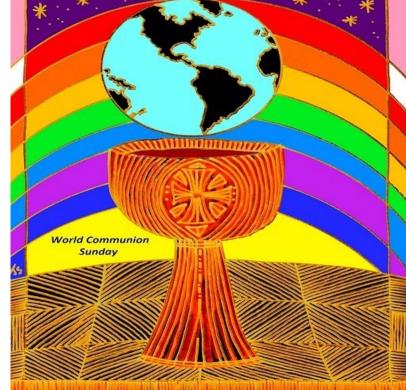


Community Congregational United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

October 1, 2023

10:30 am



I want all of the holiness of the Eucharist to spill out beyond church walls, out of the hands of priests and into the regular streets and sidewalks, into the hands of regular, grubby people like you and me, onto our tables, in our kitchens and dining rooms and backyards.'

-Shauna Niequist, Bread and Wine: A Love Letter to Life Around the Table with Recipes

2023/24 Church Council

Moderator: Susan Poch Moderator-Elect: Darin Paulson Treasurer: Carl Hauser Clerk: Frances Clark Finance and Stewardship Team: Herb Hill Building and Grounds Team: Gary Schell Faith Development Team: Sandy Evenson 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, October 4

Office closed

Friday, October 6

Outreach 10am

Saturday, October 7

Party in the Parking Lot 6:30pm



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Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude

 $Reflections\ on\ ``Wondrous\ Love"$

Kathy Spencer, piano

Fred B. Binckes

Welcome

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

Announcements/Jovs/Concerns

*Call to Worship:

Bill Condon

Gary Jewell

Lord, we come before you this day as part of the human family.

Inspire us, O God; open our hearts.

We come in our diversity to catch your vision of unity.

Inspire us, O God; open our eyes.

We come to hear your challenging word of truth.

Inspire us, O God; open our ears.

We come to thank you for your gifts of beauty, joy, and hope.

O God of love, vision, and truth, we praise your blessed name.

*Hymn

God Made from One Blood

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Call to Wholeness:

Gracious God, you have called us to be a unified body, working together that which you have willed for the world.

In our apathy... in our protective silos... in our fearful prejudice...

We fail to participate in the work you have called us to do.

In our division, we refuse to work with others to accomplish your will.

Renew within us a passion to serve you alongside one another.

We confess to you these and other ways we have contributed to the wounds of our world.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Special Music

Brothers

Ginny Hauser, flute

Ennio Morricone

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness

Acts 15: 12-30

Bill Condon

The whole assembly kept silence and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the gentiles. After they finished speaking, James replied, "Friends, listen to me. Simeon has related how God first looked favorably on the gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name. This agrees with the words of the prophets, as it is written

After this I will return, and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen; from its ruins I will rebuild it, and I will set it up, so that all other peoples may seek the Lord - even all the gentiles over whom my name has been called. Thus says the Lord, who has been making these things known from long ago.'

"Therefore I have reached the decision that we should not trouble those gentiles who are turning to God, but we should write to them to abstain only from things polluted by idols and from sexual immorality and from whatever has been strangled and from blood. For in every city, for generations past, Moses has had those who proclaim him, for he has been read aloud every Sabbath in the synagogues." Then the apostles and the elders, with the consent of the whole church, decided to choose delgates from among them and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas and Silas, leaders of the church with the following letter: "To the brothers and sisters of gentile origin in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard that certain persons who have gone out from us, though with no instructions from us, have said things to disturb you and have unsettled your minds, we have decided unanimously to choose delgates and send them to you, along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have risked their lives for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to impose on you no further burden than these essentials: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell." So they were sent off and went down to Antioch. When they gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter. When they read it, they rejoiced at the exhortation.

Sermon It Seemed Gary Jewell

*Hymn We Walk By Faith (insert)

Celebration of Communion

Invitation

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayers of the People & the Jesus Prayer

Our Mother and Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your 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. †

Responding to Live Faithfully

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Let Us Love One Another
Arnold B. Sherman

Ginny Hauser, flute

For the month of October the loose cash offering will go to support CCUCC Food Pantry.

Sent with Love into the World

*Hymn They'll Know We Are Christians

(insert)

*Benediction/Passing of the Peace

*Postlude

Draw The Circle Wide Gordon Light

*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.

Please join us for music at our monthly Hymnsing **today** at **3pm** in the main dining room at Bishop Place.

For the month of October, CCUCC will be sponsoring a food drive to benefit our local food pantries as well as our own Little Free Food Pantry. Please leave your donations in the blue food collection bins under the coat rack in the narthex.

Save the dates:

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

*Sunday, October 1st at 1pm UUCP Building dedication reception in the Great Room of the 1912 Center.

*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!

Volunteers are needed to collect donations from football fans who use the CCUCC parking lot on home game days. There are 3 remaining home games this year: 10/14, 11/4 and 11/17 (Friday night). Game times have not been announced for 10/14 and 11/4 but SignUp Genius will be updated as soon as the information is available. See the weekly update for link to sign up. Contact Wanda Terry or Sue Schell for more information.