

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”
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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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Outreach Team: Nancy Mack

THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Monday, October 16

Stewardship & Finance 12:15pm

Tuesday, October 17

Building & Grounds 1:30pm

Wednesday, October 18

Office closed

Thursday, October 19

Congregational Care 1:30pm



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

October 15, 2023

10:30 am



If you talk to the animals they will talk with you and you will know each other. If you do not talk to them you will not know them and what you do not know, you will fear. What one fears, one destroys.

--Chief Dan George



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Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude Jihyun Kim
Welcome Gary Jewell

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

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

***Call to Worship** Susan Poch

Creator made all that is, and proclaimed that 'it is good.'

Creator, help us to discover in all You have made in Nature, the good wisdom about the interconnectedness of all things, about balance and about living in harmony.

**We are not above nature, we are part of Creation;
we live by the same laws as all of nature
and need to learn from what God has made.**

Creator, help us discover the power that lies in the wisdom and understanding of our role in the Great Mystery, and in honoring every living thing as a teacher.

**ALL: Creator God, may our spirits be in harmony with Yours
as we gather in Your worship!**

***Hymn** *Many and Great* #3

Call to Wholeness

(following a unison reading of the land acknowledgement on the back of the bulletin)

O Great Spirit, God of every people and every tribe, we come to you as your many children, to ask for your forgiveness and guidance. Forgive us for the colonialism that stains our past, the ignorance that allowed us to think that we could claim another's home for our own. Heal us of this history. Remind us that none of us were discovered since none of us were lost, but that we are all gathered within the sacred circle of your community. Guide us through your wisdom to restore the truth of our heritage. Help us to confront the racism that divides us as we confess the pain it has caused to the human family. Call us to kinship. Mend the hoop of our hearts and let us live in justice and peace, through Jesus Christ, the One who came that all people might live in dignity. Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Special Music Jihyun Kim

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness Luke 4: 16-20 Susan Poch

On one of these Days of Resting, Creator Sets Free (Jesus) returned to his boyhood home in Seed Planter Village (Nazareth). As was his tradition, he entered the gathering house and stood up to read from the ancient Sacred Teachings. the headman handed him the scroll with the words from the prophet Creator Will Help Us (Isaiah). He opened the scroll and began to read. "The Spirit of Creator has come to rest on me. He has chosen me to tell the good story to the ones who are poor. He has sent me to mend broken hearts, to tell prisoners they have been set free, to make the blind see again, and to lift up the ones who have been pushed down - to make it known that Creator's Year of Setting Free has come at last!" He rolled up the scroll returned it to the headman, and sat down. All eyes were fixed on him, wondering what he would say.

Mark 1: 14-15

Then later, after Gift of Goodwill (John) was arrested, Creator Sets Free (Jesus) traveled to the Circle of Nations (Galilee) to tell the good story. "The time has now come!" he said to the people. "Creator's good road is right in front of you. (the kingdom is near) It is time to return to the right ways of thinking and doing! (repent) Put your trust in this good story I am bringing to you." (believe the good news)

Sermon *It Is Time For Another Way* Gary Jewell

***Hymn** *My Soul Cries Out* (insert)

Responding to Live Faithfully

The Lord's Prayer: (using paraphrased wording)

Loving, eternal Presence.

You are with us, yet beyond us.

And your name is Holy.

We look for Your kingdom, and seek to do Your will.

On earth as it is in heaven.

We ask that You give us this day...enough for what we need.

And we praise You that you forgive our sins.

And we ask that we might, in turn, have the strength and grace to forgive others.

And lead us, we pray, away from temptation, and deliver us from evil.

For Yours is the kingdom and power and glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Jihyun Kim

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

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *You Shall Go Out With Joy* (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)

***Sunday October 15 at 5pm** LGBTQIA+ Exploratory Discussion and Dinner. Speaker will be Cathryn Cummings.

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.

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 the 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.