

# 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

### United Church of Christ

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#### 2023/24 Church Council

Moderator: Susan Poch

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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 25

Office closed

Council meeting 7:00 pm



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

October 22, 2023

10:30 am



*The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it.  
The world and all its people belong to him.*

-Psalm 24:1



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# Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

**Prelude** *I Need Thee Every Hour* Jihyun Kim, piano  
Robert Lowry Ginny Hauser, flute

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

## Announcements/Joys/Concerns

**\*Call to Worship** Charlene Toews

In the midst of darkness & chaos...  
**God imagined.**

In the fury & darkness...  
**God imagined a world filled with trees,  
and blue skies  
and fluffy white clouds.**

In the meadow, God stood and...  
**imagined foxes, bluebirds, and slithering snakes.**

In a world of rainstorms and wildlife  
and cattle and grasses blowing in the breeze...  
**God imagined humanity.  
God imagined the continuum from man to woman.**

In a world teeming with billions of people...  
**God imagined me.**

God imagined you and God imagined me.  
We are created in the image of God.  
**God imagined us all. God loves each of us.**

Let us worship with the same imagination  
as the creating One!

**\*Hymn** *To You, O God, All Creatures Sing* #17

## Call to Wholeness

**Our hearts are hard, O God -  
Soften them with your love.  
Our hands are clenched, O God -  
Open them with your grace.  
Our feet are planted too firmly, O God -  
Invite us to dance with you.  
Our lives are not our own, we know -  
Let us live and move and have our being in you, O God.**

*(Silent Prayer)*

## Assurance of Grace

**Special Music** *Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Jihyun Kim, piano  
W.B. Bradbury

## Connecting with Sacred Stories

**Ancient Witness** Matthew 22: 15-21 Charlene Toews

The Pharisees went off and made a plan to trap Jesus with questions. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

**Sermon** *Whose Image* Gary Jewell

**\*Hymn** *Community of Christ* #314

## 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** *Jesus, Still Lead On* Jihyun Kim, piano  
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** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* #495

**\*Benediction/Passing of the Peace**

**\*Postlude** *Songs without Words*  
F. Mendelssohn

\*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.

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 is 1 remaining home game that needs a volunteer on 11/4. Game time has not been announced for 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.

Alert to date change for McCollough's Party. It will be on **Saturday, October 28th at 5:00 pm.** Costumes welcome! 1005 Joyce Road, Moscow ID.

We are sad to announce the passing of Jane Guido on Oct 19th.. Our support and prayers are with her family. We will be having a memorial service at the church, T.B.A.

As a way of learning more about each other, Refuge Church and CCUCC will share worship together on the **first Sunday of November and December.** We will follow up this time with a potluck.

**November 12th** will be our celebration of giving Sunday at which we will update everyone on the results of our Breathing Life Into The Future Campaign.