

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.

Community Congregational

United Church of Christ

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2023/24 Church Council

Moderator: Susan Poch

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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, November 1

Office closed

Friday, November 3

Jane Guido memorial 2pm

Sunday, November 5

Daylight Saving Time ends-turn clock back



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

October 29, 2023

10:30 am

Seeds of hope..

In a gentle moonlit night
when compassion touches
open hearts
Seeds of hope are
gently planted
in the garden of mankind
Step by step
sadness fades
as hope flourishes
like celestial flowers
and mankind doesn't need
to have a reason
to spread seeds of eternal hope...

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Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude *Be Still My Soul* Jihyun Kim, piano
Jean Sibelius, arr. Greg Howlett

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

Announcements/Joys/Concerns
Breathing Life Into the Future Update

***Call to Worship** Tricia Grantham

A dry, lifeless speck
blown by the wind
settles to earth.
Sunlight, soil, rain.
Roots! Shoots! Flowers! Fruit!
Mysterious God,
we marvel at the miracle of new life from seeds.
**We marvel that your kingdom grows even while
we sleep.**
Scatter your good seed in our hearts this day,
O Spirit of God.
**Then let our hearts unfold like flowers before you,
Center of unbroken praise.**

***Hymn** *We Would Be Building* #607

Call to Wholeness

Hear us, O God; hear our innermost thoughts.
**You have declared that the suffering off this world
Is nothing compared to the glories of your kingdom.**
We are not so sure . . .
We are impatient . . .
We wonder . . .
We pray for what we do not yet see and do not yet understand.
You have promised that through hope we are saved.
It is in hope that we wait.
Hear our prayer, O God.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Special Music *Let Us Hope When Hope Seems Hopeless*
Emma Lou Diemer Ginny Hauser, flute
Jihyun Kim, piano

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness Matthew 13: 1-9 Tricia Grantham

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears, listen!"

Sermon *Spreading the Seeds of Hope* Marijke Fakasiieiki

***Hymn** *O for a World* #575

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 *Hope of the World* Jihyun Kim, piano
Georgia Harkness

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

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *My Life Flows on in Endless Song* #476

***Benediction/Passing of the Peace**

***Postlude** *Lift Every Voice and Sing* Jihyun Kim, piano
James Weldon Johnson

*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.

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, on **Friday, November 3rd at 2pm.**

One more volunteer is needed to help collect donations from football fans who use the CCUCC parking lot on 11/4. Kickoff is 6:00pm so we'll begin collecting donations at 3pm. If you can't be there for the entire shift, let me know if you'd like to help for 1 or 2 hours. For more information, contact Wanda Terry, wandaterry@yahoo.com or 509.595.0450 (text or call). See weekly update for link to sign up.

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. See the sign-up in the narthex to help.

Dinner with discussion event on **November 9th at The Center,** (formerly the Campus Christian Center) 822 Elm St. Moscow ID at **6 pm.** The event is planned as a follow up discussion from a pervious panel discussion last month regarding specific passages from scripture that have been used historically to exclude the queer community.

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.

If you can help, Meals on Wheels needs volunteers for November. If you can help, see the weekly update for the link to sign up. (This does not replace our normally scheduled upcoming signups.)

CAC Food Bank Hours: closed Monday and Tuesday; Wednesday 3-6pm; Thursday 11am-1pm; Friday 1-4pm. Appointments encouraged. Sign up by phone at 509-595-4141 or visit their website at www.cacwhitman.org/foodbank/