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 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.

Community Congregational United Church of Christ

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THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Monday, October 9

Justice & Witness 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 11

Memorial for Corey Pickelsimer 11am Office closed

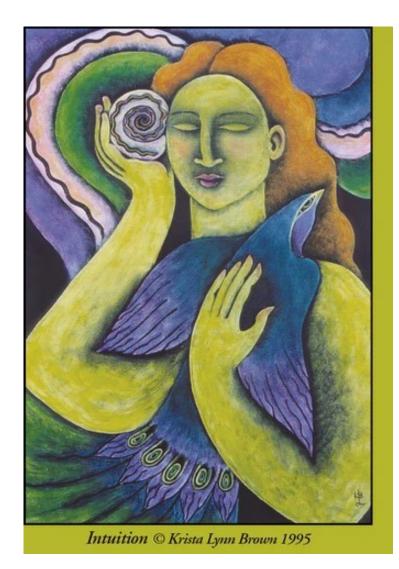


Community Congregational United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

October 8, 2023

10:30 am



"If this inner and critical voice has kept you safe for many years as your inner voice of authority, you may end up not being able to hear the real voice of God."

-Richard Rohr, Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life



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Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

"Morning Mood" from Peer Gynt **Prelude** Edvard Grieg

Ancient Witness

Romans 8: 22-27

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Darin Paulson

Welcome

Gary Jewell

Ginny Hauser, flute

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

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

*Call to Worship

Darin Paulson

Into this world we are born,

Into the beauty and sorrow of everyday life.

Into this day we awake.

Into possibility and the unknown.

Into this church we are welcomed,

Into God's grace and each other's truth.

So let us worship our God this day, we who are called and loved.

*Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

#28

Invitation to Wholeness

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?" These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves and your billows have gone over me. By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?" As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, "Where is your God?" Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise the Source of Life, my help and my God.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Special Music As The Deer Longs For The Waterbrooks Anjuli Dodhia, vocals Peter Pindar Stearns

We know that the whole creation is groaning together and suffering labor pains up until now. And it's not only the creation. We ourselves who have the Spirit as the first crop of the harvest also groan inside as we wait to be adopted and for our bodies to be set free. We were saved in hope. If we see what we hope for, that isn't hope. Who hopes for what they already see? But if we hope for what we don't see, we wait for it with patience. In the same way, the Spirit comes to help our weakness. We don't know what we should pray, but the Spirit pleads our case with unexpressed groans. The one who searches hearts knows how the Spirit thinks, because the Spirit pleads for the saints, consistent with God's will.

Sermon

How Shall We Pray?

Gary Jewell

*Hymn

Out of the Depths, O God, We Call

#554

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

Go Forth Into The World In Peace Anjuli Dodhia, vocals Paul Sjolund

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

Song of Hope

(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 8 and 15 at 5pm LGBTQIA+ Exploratory Discussion and Dinner. Speakers will be Johnny Taylor and Cathryn Cummings.

*Wednesday, October 11th at 11am there will be a celebration of life for Corey Picklelsimer with a reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

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.