

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.

Assistive listening devices are available in the back of the sanctuary.

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THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Monday, November 20

Stewardship & Finance 10am

Wednesday, November 22

Office closed

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving-office closed

Friday, November 24

Office closed



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

November 19, 2023

10:30 am



“The rule of no realm is mine, neither of Gondor nor any other, great or small. But all worthy things that are in peril as the world now stands, those are my care. And for my part, I shall not wholly fail of my task, though Gondor should perish, if anything passes through this night that can still grow fair or bear fruit and flower again in days to come. For I also am a steward. Did you not know?”

— J.R.R. Tolkien, The Return of the King



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Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude *Now Thank We All Our God* Mary Carloye, organ
arr. Johann Rembt

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

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

***Call to Worship** Tricia Grantham

L: The time for harvest is close at hand. What have you done with the gifts God has given you?

P: We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.

L: Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.

P: We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.

L: Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

P: Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude. AMEN.

***Hymn** *Here In This Place* (insert)

Call to Wholeness

We are "pack rats", O Lord. You continually pour gifts and blessings into our lives and we hide them away for fear that they might disappear or not be worthy of acclaim. We squander them wastefully on things that are not healthy or helpful to others. We confess that we have not always recognized the talents we have been given. We find it easier to belittle the gifts than to honor the giver. As Jesus reminded his listeners to honor the giver of the gifts by using them to create something better, for healing, for hope in the world; remind us that the message of Jesus is truly pertinent to us today. Forgive us when we have treated it as a nice story. Help us to take the gifts you have given us, to develop them, and use them in ways which will offer healing and hope. In Jesus' blessed Name, we pray. AMEN.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Special Music *Gratitude Changes Everything* Anjuli Dodhia, vocals
Mark Hayes Ginny Hauser, vocals
Guy Worthey, vocals
Carl Hauser, vocals
Diane Worthey, violin
Amy Browse, cello

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness Matthew 25: 14-30 Tricia Grantham

“Again, it's like a wealthy landowner who was going on a journey and called in three workers, entrusting some funds to them. The first was given five thousand dollars, the second two thousand, and the third one thousand,

according to each one's ability. Then the landowner went away. Immediately the worker who received the five thousand went and invested it and made another five. In the same way, the worker who received the two thousand doubled that figure. But the worker who received the one thousand instead went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried the money.

After a long absence, the traveler returned home and settled accounts with them. The one who had received the five thousand came forward bringing the additional five, saying, "You entrusted me with five thousand; here are five thousand more.

The landowner said, "Well done! You are a good and faithful worker. Since you were dependable in a small matter, I will put you in charge of larger affairs. Come, share my joy."

The one who received the two thousand then stepped forward with the additional two, saying, "You entrusted me with two thousand; here are two thousand more."

The landowner said to this one, "Cleverly done! You too are a good and faithful worker. Since you were dependable in a small matter, I will put you in charge of larger affairs. Come, share my joy!"

Finally the one who had received the one thousand stepped forward and said to the landowner, "Knowing your ruthlessness - you who reap where you did not sow and gather where you did not scatter - and fearing your wrath, I went off and buried your thousand dollars in the ground. Here is your money back."

The landowner exclaimed, "You worthless, lazy person! So you know that I reap where I don't sow and gather where I don't scatter, do you? All the more reason to deposit my money with the bankers, so that on my return I could have had it back with interest! You, there! Take the thousand away from this bum and give it to the one with the ten thousand." Those who have will get more until they grow rich, while those who have not will lose even the little they have. Throw this worthless one outside into the darkness, where there is wailing and grinding of teeth.

Sermon *Sharing the Master's Joy* Gary Jewell

***Hymn** *Take My Life, God, Let It Be* #448

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 *You Raise Me Up* Ginny Hauser, flute
Brendan Graham & Rolf Lovland

For the month of November the loose cash offering will go to support Boost Collaborative.

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *Awake, Awake to Love and Work* #89

*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.

If you have been attending CCUCC for at least the past six months and you would like to make the leap and be an "on-the-books" member of CCUCC, please contact Pastor Gary (509 280 4466) so a meeting can be scheduled.

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.

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

Pullman Child Welfare's Food Bank is in need of donations. Best time to donate is Saturday mornings 9-11am or donations can be dropped off at the food bank drop box outside their office at 108 NW Stadium Way.

We are in need of new or slightly used items for the nursery. See the weekly update for items needed.

We need worship volunteers. See the weekly update for dates and how to sign up.

Fair Trade Craft Sale at Simpson United Methodist Church on **Dec. 2nd (10am-3pm) and Dec. 3rd (noon-3pm)**. See weekly update for more details.

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/