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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STAFF SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

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Liturgist: Darin Paulson

Coffee Hour: Congregational Life



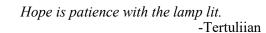
Community Congregational United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

November 12, 2023

10:30 am





2023/24 Church Council

Moderator: Susan Poch
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Justice and Witness Team: Ginny Hauser
Outreach Team: Nancy Mack

THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Monday, November 13

Office Hours: Th, F, Sat 9am-noon

Office Hours: M, T, Th, F 10am-1pm

Julie Tarlyn

Jihyun Kim Piano

Megan Guido

8:30am-1:30pm

Outreach Coordinator

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Justice & Witness 6:30pm

Tuesday, November 14

Building & Grounds 1:30pm

Wednesday, November 15

Office closed

Thursday, November 16

Congregational Care 1:30pm



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Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude Give Me Oil In My Lamp Traditional

Diane Worthey, violin Guy Worthey, bass

Welcome

Gary Jewell

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

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

*Call to Worship

Darin Paulson

O God, our light, if ever there were a people who need your light,

If ever there were a place where hope needed to be born,

It is in the manger of our hearts.

The work of your hands surrounds us, the miracle of your coming confronts

God of Hope come be present in our worship.

*Hymn

Arise, Your Light Is Come

#164

Call to Wholeness

Living Christ, in these times, when we fear we are losing hope or feel our efforts are futile,

Let us see in our hearts and minds the image of your resurrection, And let that be our source of courage and strength,

With that, and in your company, help us face challenges and struggles Against all that is born of injustice.

Name aloud the places of injustice and brokenness, responding with: "We cry to you, O Lord."

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Special Music You Are Not Alone Stephen Sondheim

Anjuli Dodhia, vocals

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness

Matthew 25: 1-13

Darin Paulson

"At that time the Kingdom of heaven will be like this. Once there were ten young women who took their oil lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and the other five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any extra oil with them, while the wise ones took containers full of oil for their lamps. The bridegroom was late in coming, so they began to nod and fall asleep. "It was already midnight when the cry rang out, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come and meet him!' The ten young women woke up and trimmed their lamps. Then the foolish ones said to the wise ones, 'Let us have some of your oil, because our lamps are going out.' 'No, indeed,' the wise ones answered, 'there is not enough for you and for us. Go to the store and buy some for yourselves.' So the foolish ones went off to buy some oil; and while they were gone, the bridegroom arrived. The five who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast, and the door was closed. "Later the others arrived. 'Sir, sir! Let us in!' they cried out. 'Certainly not! I don't know you,' the bridegroom answered." And Jesus concluded, "Watch out, then, because you do not know the day or the hour."

Sermon Keeping Our Lamps Filled Gary Jewell Let Us Hope when Hope Seems Hopeless #461 *Hymn

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

Норе Lois Hill Ginny Hauser, flute

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

Sent with Love into the World

Ashokan Farewell

Jav Ungar

*Hymn This Little Light/This Joy I Have

#524

*Benediction/Passing of the Peace

*Postlude

Diane Worthey, violin

*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.

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.

Join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall after worship to celebrate Kathy Spencer's retirement. Thank you, Kathy for all your years of sharing your wonderful talents with us!

November 19th will be our celebration of giving Sunday at which we will update everyone on the results of our Breathing Life Into The Future Campaign.

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/

Movie nights are back! Join us tonight at 5pm for the movie "Milk".

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.