

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.

Large print bulletins will be available soon.

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THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Wednesday, November 29

Office closed

Council meeting 7pm



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

November 26, 2023

10:30 am



I don't believe in charity. I believe in solidarity. Charity is vertical, so it's humiliating. It goes from top to bottom. Solidarity is horizontal. It respects the other and learns from the other. I have a lot to learn from other people.

- Edwardo Galeano



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Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude *On The Blue Ridge* Diane Worthey, violin
Joseph M. Martin

Welcome Gary Jewell
Praise be to God for this new day
It is Always Good to Gather in community
To remember again who we are--and whose we are.

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

***Call to Worship** Nancy Mack

O God! Open our senses to your Holy Presence through the many riches you bless us with.

Awaken all the peoples of the earth to your ways of compassion and sharing.

Maker Of All Goodness, let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations sing in one chorus of unity,

Open our hearts toward justice so that we can be a part of the great of shalom.

Let sounds of despair and lament give way to joy and praise

For in your abundance you have gifted the peoples of this planet with enough.

May you bless all peoples ... and may you speak to us in this time of worship together!

***Hymn** *Praise to the Living God* #8

Call to Wholeness

There is no scarcity. This is no shortage.

No lack of love, of compassion, of joy in the world.

There is enough. There is more than enough.

Only fear and greed make us think otherwise.

No one need starve.

There is enough land and enough food.

No one need die of thirst.

There is enough water.

No one need live without mercy.

There is no end to grace.

And we are all instruments of grace.

The more we give it, the more we share it,

the more we use it, the more God makes.

There is no scarcity of love.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Special Music *For The Autumn Sky* Anjuli Dodhia, vocals
Ruth Elaine Schram Ginny Hauser, vocals

Guy Worthey, vocals
Carl Hauser, vocals

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness Matthew 25: 31-46 Nancy Mack

At the appointed time the Promised One will come in glory, escorted by all the angels of heaven, and will sit upon the royal throne, with all the nations assembled below. Then the Promised One will separate them from one another, as shepherd divides the sheep from the goats. The sheep will be placed on the right hand, the goats on the left. The ruler will say to those on the right, "Come, you blessed of God! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world! For I was hungry and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me; naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me; naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me; in prison and you came to visit me. Then these just ones will ask, "When did we see you hungry and feed you, or see you thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you as a stranger and invite you in, or clothe you in your nakedness? When did we see you ill or in prison and come to visit you? The ruler will answer them, "The truth is, every time you did this for the least of my sisters or brothers, you did it for me." Then the ruler will say to those on the left, "Out of my sight, you accursed ones! You're good for nothing but the fires of hell. I was hungry and you gave me no food; I was thirsty and you have me nothing to drink. I was a stranger and you gave me no welcome; and naked and you gave me no clothing. I was ill and in prison and you did not come to visit me." Then they in turn will ask, "When did we see you hungry or thirsty, or homeless or naked, or ill or in prison, and not take care of you?" The answer will come, "The truth is, as often as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." They will go off to eternal doom, and the just will go off to eternal life."

Sermon *Christ Dwells Among Us* Gary Jewell

***Hymn** *Who Will Speak A Word of Warning* (insert)

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 *Traumerei, Op. 15* Ginny Hauser, flute
Robert Schumann

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

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *I Am the Light of the World* #584

*Benediction/Passing of the Peace

***Postlude** *Give Me Jesus* Anjuli Dodhia, vocals
Traditional Spiritual
arr. Mark Hayes

*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.

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/