

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 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.

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

Community Congregational

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STAFF SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Gary Jewell Greeters: Dennis Hatley & Megan Guido
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Office Hours: M, T, Th, F 10am-1pm Ginny Hauser

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8:30am-1:30pm

2023/24 Church Council

Moderator: Susan Poch

Moderator-Elect: Darin Paulson

Treasurer: Carl Hauser

Clerk: Frances Clark

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

Monday, January 15

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - office closed

Stewardship & Finance 10 am

Tuesday, January 16

Building & Grounds 1:30 pm

Wednesday, January 17

Office closed

Thursday, January 18

Congregational Care 1:30 pm

Search Committee 7 pm

Friday, January 19

Queer Quest 6-9 pm



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

January 14, 2024

10:30 am



I think mentors are important and I don't think anybody makes it in the world without some form of mentorship. Nobody makes it alone. Nobody has made it alone. And we are all mentors to people even when we don't know it.

-Oprah Winfrey



Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Centering Moment

Prelude *Turn to Me*
John Foley

Welcome Gary Jewell

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

***Call to Worship** Charlene Toews

Here we are Lord, your church, uncertain, on an ever changing journey.
Show us your path.
Here we are, longing to know your way.
Guide us to follow you.
Here we are, desiring only your comfort.
Help us to hear your voice.
Here we are, God; lead us according to your will.

***Hymn** *Breathe On Me Breath of God* #292

Call to Wholeness

Holy Spirit, Source of our life, hear our confession and grant us mercy.
For fearing change when you call us to new patterns of living. (pause)
For failing to see your transforming vision for ourselves and for all creation around us. (pause)
For believing that we are self-made, while forgetting that everything we have, and all that we are, comes from you, (pause)
For failing to give thanks for the blessings of those you've sent to us.... teachers, mentors, elders, and friends (pause)
For living as if we are the center of the universe, and for forgetting our call to share. (pause)

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Special Music *Here I Am, Lord*
Michael Ward

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 Charlene Toews

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!"

Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord. The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

Sermon *Hearing Voices* Gary Jewell

***Hymn** *I Will Come to You in the Silence* (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 *Softly and Tenderly*
Will Thompson

For the month of January the loose cash offering will go to support Latah Recovery Center.

Sent with Love into the World

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

***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.

Tonight is Movie Night at **5 pm**. We will be showing Selma. Pizza will be provided and the movie starts at **5:15 pm**.

If you have been attending CCUCC regularly and/or have covenanted for the year, 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.

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

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/

See the weekly update for information about a mission trip to Costa Rica **February 24-March 3, 2024**.

Lori Ammons, who runs Cooper's Legacy is having a for-profit pop up shop during January downstairs in Room 103. See the weekly update for days and times.