

# 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 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.*

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### Community Congregational

### United Church of Christ

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#### STAFF SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

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#### 2023/24 Church Council

Moderator: Susan Poch

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Shared Ministry Team: Charlene Toews

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Outreach Team: Nancy Mack

#### THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

##### Wednesday, January 31

Office closed

##### Thursday, February 1

Search Committee 7 pm

##### Friday, February 2

Queer Quest 6-9 pm



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## United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

January 28, 2024

10:30 am



*Everything is permissible for me, but not everything is beneficial.*  
1 Corinthians 6:12

*We should be too big to take offense and too noble to give it.*  
Abraham Lincoln

*How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these.*  
George Washington Carver



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# Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

## Centering Moment

**Prelude** *I Surrender All*  
DeVenter/Howlett

**Welcome** Gary Jewell

## Announcements/Joys/Concerns

**\*Call to Worship** Corey Johnson

Let us come together with humility.

**How good it is when all of God's people live together in unity.**

**Though we may be tempted to use harsh words. Let us come together in gentleness.**

How good it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

**Though we may want everything to happen quickly, let us come together with patience.**

How good it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

**Though the world around often encourages hate, let us come together in love.**

How good it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

**In humility, gentleness, patience, love and unity.**

Let us worship the God who has called us together.

**\*Hymn** *Play Before the Lord* (insert)

## Call to Wholeness

**As we grow in the knowledge of the Lord and bear witness to the grace of God -**

**may we lead lives worthy of the One who rescues us from darkness.**

**As we bear fruit in every good work and prepare to endure everything in patience -**

**may we lead lives worthy of the One who redeems and forgives.**

**As we hope in the word of truth and gain spiritual wisdom and understanding-**

**may we lead lives worthy of the One of glorious power.**

*(Silent Prayer)*

## Assurance of Grace

**Anthem** *We Are The World*  
Lionel Ritchie & Michael Jackson

# Connecting with Sacred Stories

**Ancient Witness** 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13 Corey Johnson

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"—yet for us there is one God, the Creator, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will that person not be encouraged, if their conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the sister or brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against this person and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes someone relapse, I will never eat meat, lest I make that person stumble.

**Sermon** *Being Thoughtful* Gary Jewell

**\*Hymn** *Spirit of Jesus, If I Love My Neighbor* #590

# 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** *This is My Song*

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

## Congregational Meeting

# Sent with Love into the World

**\*Hymn** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* #347

## \*Benediction/Passing of the Peace

**\*Postlude** *Trust in the Lord*  
(refrain 2x)  
Roc O'Connor

\*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 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.

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/](http://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.

We will have a Congregational Meeting during worship today.

**Tuesday Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>** Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras Pancake Feed and Talent Show **5:30-8:00pm** in Brewster Hall. Come for pancakes and all the trimmings and think of a serious or silly talent to share. It will be a fun night of whimsy and fellowship. Volunteers to run the dishwasher and help clean up counts as talent too (and is much appreciated).

**Meals on Wheels:** Thank you to all the volunteers who have signed up to deliver meals Feb 16-29. If you'd like to be added to the substitute list in case someone is unable to deliver on their scheduled date, please contact Wanda Terry at [wandaterry@yahoo.com](mailto:wandaterry@yahoo.com) or 509-595-0450 (call or text).