

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.

Community Congregational

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2023/24 Church Council

Moderator: Susan Poch

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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 8

Justice & Witness 6:30 pm

Wednesday, January 10

Office closed

Congregational Life 7 pm

Thursday, January 11

Search Committee 7 pm

Friday, January 12

Outreach 10 am



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

January 7, 2024

10:30 am



“There is always light. If only we’re brave enough to see it. If only we’re brave enough to be it.”

— Amanda Gorman



If you do not wish to keep this bulletin, please recycle it. Thanks.

Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Centering Moment

Prelude *We Three Kings*
arr. Robby Davis

Welcome Gary Jewell

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

***Call to Worship:** Tricia Grantham

Arise, shine! Your light has come!
Glory to God in the highest!
Darkness covers the earth,
But God's glory shines brightly.
Lift up your eyes. Look around. Can we not see it?
The light of God's love shines radiantly.
Arise, shine! Your light has come!
May our hearts be renewed, and rejoice!
Let us sing to this light! Let us worship God.

***Hymn** *O How Glorious, Full of Wonder* #558

Call to Wholeness:

God of New Beginnings, we gather in Your name on the first Sunday of the new year.
We come to you confessing that we have been made dull by the ways of the world.
We assume too much. We settle for comfort over courage. We resign ourselves to the world's tired demands.
Assist us, Great Loving Source, in spiritual practices that will bring Your light into our lives
In our willingness, and by your Spirit, lead us to new life and transformation.
In this new year, transform our struggles by the touch of your grace.
Restore to us the joy of salvation, and renew a right spirit within us.
With all the challenges we know will come in the year ahead
Help us to be a community of hope, authenticity, joy, and humility.
So that we may be conduits of your light in this fractured, and beautiful, world.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Special Music *Journey On*
Guy Worthey

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness Isaiah 60: 1-6 Tricia Grantham

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you, and God's glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Sermon *We Can Not Forget the Light* Gary Jewell

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

Celebration of Communion

Invitation

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

***Hymn** *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Prayers of the People & the Jesus Prayer

Our Mother and Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen. †

Responding to Live Faithfully

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Be Still My Soul*
Sibelius/Howlett

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

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *We Are Marching in the Light of God* #526

*Benediction/Passing of the Peace

***Postlude** *Be Still My Soul*
Sibelius/Howlett

*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.

Join us **today** in the Main Dining Room of Bishop Place for the monthly Bishop Place Hymnsing. We'll be singing Christmas Carols!

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.

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/

Are you up for some Dungeons and Dragons during the chilly months of January and February? Join the Queer Quest Party! We will meet on five Friday evenings from 6PM-9PM in Brewster Hall for a light meal and Dungeons and Dragons gaming. (Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 16) All ages of beginners and experts welcome! Signup in narthex or email Guy Worthey at gworthey@wsu.edu. Questions? See Guy or Diane Worthey or email us.

Meals on Wheels: Volunteers are needed for deliveries **Feb 16-29**. Meal pick-up takes place outside the front entrance of Bishop Place by 11:15am every day. Each route takes about one hour to complete. If you're able to volunteer in February, please see the weekly update to sign up. Any questions, contact Wanda Terry at wandaterry@yahoo.com or 509-595-0450 (call or text).

For the month of January, loose offerings will go to support Latah Recovery Center who works with people to enter and engage in recovery from addictions and behavioral health disorders through peer-to-peer interactions and evidence-based practices to promote a healthy community.