

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.

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2023/24 Church Council

Moderator: Susan Poch

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Shared Ministry Team: Charlene Toews

Justice and Witness Team: Ginny Hauser

Outreach Team: Nancy Mack

THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Monday, February 12

Justice & Witness 6:30 pm

Tuesday, February 13

Shrove Tuesday Dinner 5:30 pm

Wednesday, February 14

Office closed

Thursday, February 15

Search Committee 7 pm

Friday, February 16

Queer Quest 6-9 pm

Saturday, February 17

Gary Schell Memorial 11 am



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

February 11, 2024

10:30 am



The future belongs to those who give the next generation reason for hope.

- Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

We are a part of everything that is beneath us, above us, and around us. Our past is our present, our present is our future, and our future is seven generations past and present.

— Winona LaDuke

“Open your arms to change but don't let go of your values.”

- Dalai Lama XIV



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Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Centering Moment

Prelude *Theme in D Major*
Nigel Hess

Welcome Gary Jewell

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

***Call to Worship** Darin Paulson

Our loving Creator, from Your hand have come all the days of the past.

To You we look for whatever good the future holds.

We come together because the world is beautiful

Even as we know that the world, of which we are a part, is deeply troubled.

There is much Kingdom work yet to do.

Grant us the privilege of being a part in the regeneration of our planet.

As we look for a new earth in which dwells justice, may we be ambassadors of your light.

The kind of people for whose coming and ministry the world is waiting.

With this desire to serve You, we come together this morning to sing Your praises!

***Hymn** *You Are the Salt* #181

Call to Wholeness:

O God, Source of all being. We praise You for the gifts of our mind with which You have endowed us. You have gifted us with the ability to move beyond the half-realities of our limited perceptions. Assist us by your Spirit to see more clearly the world as it really is...a world of beauty and eternal truth. Teach us, we pray, to use the great gift of reason and imagination so that it may not be a curse but a blessing. Grant us visions that lift us from our self-imposed limits into the light of Your own Holy Presence. Show us the way set out for us by Jesus. Help us transmit a passion for Your kingdom on earth to the future generations. In humility may the generations share knowledge with one another Help us to build a future together. Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Anthem *Make Me A Channel of Your Peace*
Sebastian Temple, arr. Mark Barnard

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness 2 Kings 2: 1-14 Darin Paulson

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. And the sons of the prophets who were in

Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Sermon *Passing the Mantle* Gary Jewell

***Hymn** *For All the Saints* #299

Responding to Live Faithfully

A New Creed

L: We are not alone, we live in God's world.

P: **We believe in God:**

Who has created and is creating,

Who has come in Jesus,

The Word made flesh,

To reconcile and make new,

Who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We Trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

To celebrate God's presence,

To love and serve others,

To seek justice and resist evil,

To proclaim Jesus,

Crucified and risen,

Our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Pass It On*
Kurt Kaiser

For the month of February the loose cash offering will go to support Palouse River Counseling.

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *We Are Called* (insert)

*Benediction/Passing of the Peace

***Postlude** *Keep Your Eyes on The Prize*

*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.

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: 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 or 509-595-0450 (call or text).

Tuesday Feb. 13th 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). Sign up your name and your talent show act on the table in the church entryway, or contact Lisa at lcarloye@gmail.com.

A 5 week online Lenten class with Dr. John Dominic Crossan entitled *The Historical Jesus: The Evolutionary Challenge of a Mediterranean Jewish Peasant* will be offered at CCUCC starting **Thursday February, 22nd**. Each class starts at **5pm** in Brewster Hall. No need to sign up. For more information see the weekly update.

A memorial service for Gary Schell will be at CCUCC on **Saturday, February 17th** at **11am**. See the weekly update for a Zoom link if you are not able to make it in person.