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.
- Seek community that is inclusive of all people, honoring differences in theological perspective, age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, class, or ability.
- 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.
- Embrace the insights of contemporary science and strive to protect the Earth and ensure its integrity and sustainability.
- 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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THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Wednesday, February 28

Office closed Council meeting 7 pm

Thursday, February 29 Search Committee 7 pm

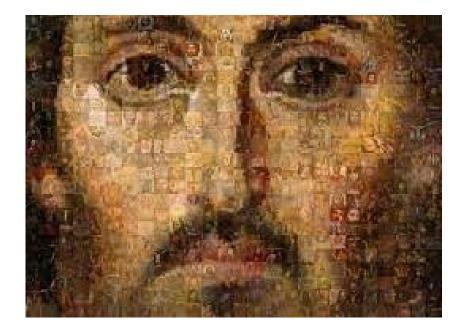


Community Congregational United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

February 25, 2024

10:30 am



The Good News borne by our risen Messiah who chose not one race, who chose not one country, who chose not one language, who chose not one tribe, who chose all of humankind.

-Nelson Mandela

One of his students asked Buddha, "Are you the Messiah?" "no," answered Buddha. "Then are you a healer?" "No," Buddha replied. "Then are you a teacher?" the student persisted. "No, I am not a teacher." "Then what are you?" asked the student exasperated. "I am awake," Buddha replied.

-Gautama Buddha



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Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Centering Moment

Prelude Precious Lord Take My Hand

Kym Dye

arr. Kurt Kaiser

Welcome Gary Jewell

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

*Call to Worship

Tricia Grantham

In this season of Lent, we make our way to the cross.

We remember the steps that led Christ there: betrayal and fear, but also trust in God, and love for humanity,

In this season of Lent, as we make our way to the cross, we look to follow in the steps of Christ's example:

To admit that misunderstanding and fear are a part of life,

To embrace trust in God and Love for humanity,

To understand the paradox of faith.

To find our life we must learn to let go

So as we may make our journey together

Let us worship God and sing praises to the one who has called us here.

*Hymn

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

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Call to Wholeness:

God who hears what is too deep for words.

Beneath all our prayers for healing you perceive the buried hope;

Behind all our questions you understand the hidden longing;

Amidst all our singing you hear the struggle to pray.

God, who hears what is too deep for words we take this moment to rest in your silence.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Anthem

The Promised Land

CCUCC choir

Carl J. Nygaard, Jr.

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness

Mark 8: 27-38

Tricia Grantham

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the

prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Humanity must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of mortals."

And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let that person deny themself and take up the cross and follow me. For whoever would save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit one to gain the whole world and forfeit one's soul? For what can one give in return for their soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of that one will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of the Creator with the holy angels."

Sermon Messiah of the Soul Gary Jewell

*Hymn Be Now My Vision #451

Responding to Live Faithfully

The Lord's Prayer:

Eternal Spirit, Live-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker, Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The praise of your name echo through the universe. The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world. Your heavenly will be done by all created beings. Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. Amen

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child Ginny Hauser, flute arr. 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

Over My Head vs 1, 2, 4

#514

*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.

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.

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).

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. Light food provided. For more information see the weekly update.

Environmental Faith In Action group is seeking new members. Contact Lynn McCollough for more information.

Saturday, March 2nd at 2 pm - save the date for a **free** screening of Volodymyr Sydko's documentary film, *Women Guardians at War*. This film tells the story of five Ukrainian women, including a nurse, soldier, actress, mother and volunteer, as they contribute to the defense of the sovereign country of Ukraine. Sponsored by the WSU Department of History, the WSU Department of English, the WSU Libraries, the WSU David G. Pollart Center for Arts and Lost Horse Press.

March 8th from noon-1 the Fig Tree is having their 2024 Benefit. It will be live-streamed in Brewster Hall. Lunch will be provided. See the weekly update for more information.