

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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Justice and Witness Team: Ginny Hauser

Outreach Team: Nancy Mack

THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Monday, February 19

Stewardship & Finance 10 am

Tuesday, February 20

Building & Grounds 1:30 pm

Wednesday, February 21

Office closed

Thursday, February 22

Search Committee 7 pm



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

February 18, 2024

10:30 am



“God renews my strength. The Spirit guides me on the right paths. God's promises are sure. Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, O God. Your shepherd's rod and staff protect me.”

- Psalm 23: 3-4

“I do not understand the mystery of grace -- only that it meets us where we are and does not leave us where it found us.”

— Anne Lamott



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Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Centering Moment

Prelude *Poor, Wayfaring Stranger*
arr. Carol Troutman Wiggins

Welcome Gary Jewell

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

***Call to Worship** Charlene Toews

Where can we go, where can we run, where can we be where we are not within your love?

If we sail on the wings of the wind or find ourselves in the pit of despair, still you find us.

If we change our appearance like trees through the seasons, still you see our roots.

No matter how dim our inner light has become,
No matter what doubts and questions we wrestle with in the night
Still there you are – Mystery of Presence...Source of Love.

We may beat at the air in our frustrations; or curse the rain as it falls on our tear-clinched eyes

Still there you are – still loving us.

And even when we don't know how, who, or why...

Still...there...you are...

Still...loving...even us.

***Hymn** *Glory, Glory, Hallelujah* #2

Call to Wholeness:

In this Lenten season, O God, we come before you, asking for courage to open our eyes.

We want to see ourselves as you see us:

The empty and barren places; the halfhearted struggles; the faint stirrings of new life.

We come, trusting your grace, waiting for your illuminating word, longing for your healing light.

Do not let us be blind to your presence. Shine upon us, O God, make our paths clear.

We pray this, trusting in the One Who Guides On The Path.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Anthem *Give Me Oil In My Lamp*
Sevison & Williams, arr. Joseph M Martin

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness Mark 1: 9-15 Charlene Toews

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved child with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tested by Satan, and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him.

Sermon *Ready or Not* Gary Jewell

***Hymn** *I Want Jesus to Go with Me* #490

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 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*
arr. John Carter

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

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* #282

*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.

Movie Night is **tonight at 5 pm**. February's movie is Till. Movies are shown in Brewster Hall.

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