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.*

Community Congregational United Church of Christ

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THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Monday, March 11

Justice & Witness 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 13

Office closed

Thursday, March 14

Lenten Class 5 pm Search Committee 7 pm

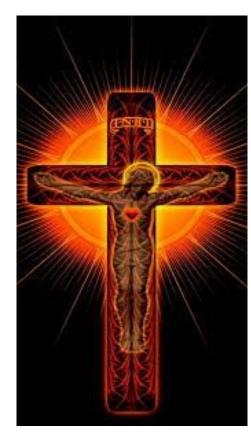


Community Congregational United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

March 10, 2024

10:30 am



The deep meaning of the cross of Christ is that there is no suffering on earth that is not borne by God.

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer



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

Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Centering Moment

Prelude A Wind Blew Over Calvary

Kathy Spencer, piano

Gregg Sewell

Welcome

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

*Call to Worship

Nancy Mack

Gary Jewell

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 seek to follow Christ's example: to admit betrayal and fear that are a part of life.

To embrace trust in God and love for humanity.

So we may make our journey,

Let us worship God.

*Hymn

Down at the Cross

#189

(God paid the price through Jesus' crucifixion)

Call to Wholeness:

Holy God of all life, we humble ourselves before you.

God of justice, too many people are weighted down by oppression.

God of justice, hear our prayers.

God of freedom, too many people are in chains.

God of freedom, hear our prayers.

God of abundance, too many people are hungry.

God of abundance, hear our prayers.

We cry out to you, Holy God of all life.

God of love, hear our prayer...speak to our hearts.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Anthem

Lord, Lead Me, Lord

CCUCC choir

Gilbert M. Martin

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness John 3: 14-21 (from First Nations version) Nancy Mack

Do you not remember when Moses (Drawn from the Water) lifted up a pole with a snake on it in the desert wilderness? This is what will happen to the True Human Being, so people will put their trust in him and have the life of the world to come that never fades away, full of beauty and harmony. The Great

Spirit loves this world of human beings so deeply that Creator gave us his Son - the only Son who fully represents God. All who trust in him and his way will not come to a bad end, but will have the life of the world to come that never fades away, full of beauty and harmony. Creator did not send the Son of Man to decide against the people of this world, but to set them free from the worthless ways of the world. The ones who trust in the Christ are released from guilt, but, for the ones who turn away from the Christ to follow the ways of this world, their guilt remains. This is because they are turning away from the life of beauty and harmony that the Great Spirit offers through Jesus.

This is what decides for or against them. My light has shined into this dark world, but because of their worthless ways people loved the dark path more than the light. When they choose the dark path, they do not want others to see, so they hide in the darkness and hate the light. But the ones who are true and do what is right are walking in the daylight so others can clearly see they are walking with Creator.

Sermon The Cross...What's the Big Deal

Gary Jewell

*Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (God's love made visible)

#224

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

Prayer and Contemplation James Michael Stevens Ginny Hauser, flute

For the month of March the loose cash offering will go to support Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse.

Sent with Love into the World

*Hymn

The Day of Resurrection (God's victory over evil/death)

#245

*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.

The Historical Jesus Lenten seminar with John Dominic Crossan is in its final weeks! Please join us on March 14, and 21 at 5:00 for a light supper, eye-popping history, and fellowship. Contact Sandy Evenson for more information 509-336-9736.

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

Thank you to our Meals on Wheels volunteers. Over 150 meals were delivered during the last two week of February. Next sign up will be for June 16-July 8.

Next movie night is Sunday, March 17. The movie is *The Kids Are All Right* and will start at 5:15. Pizza will be provided.

Assistive listening devices are available in the back of the sanctuary.