

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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THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Wednesday, March 27

Office closed

Council meeting 7 pm

Thursday, March 28

Search Committee 7 pm



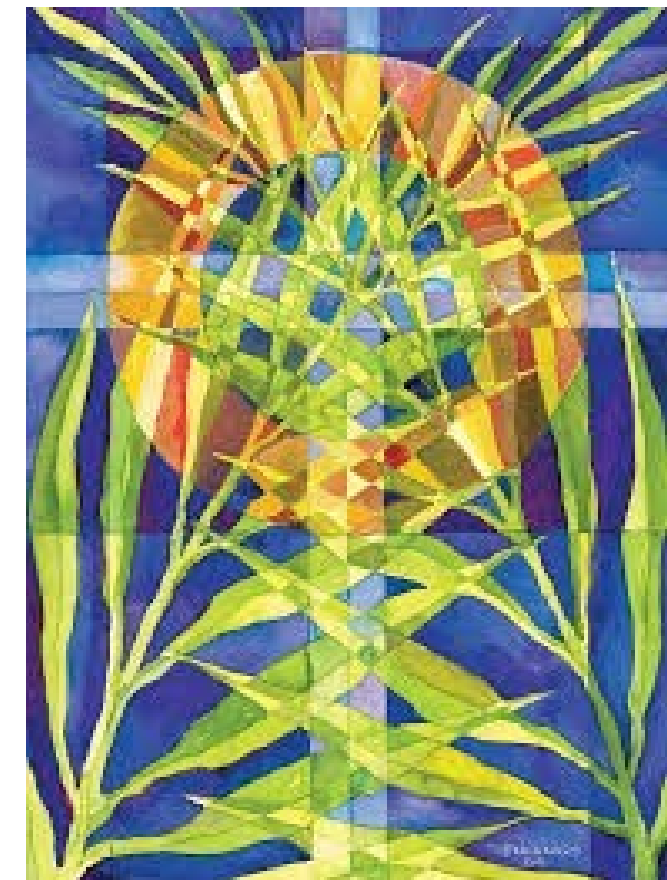
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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

March 24, 2024

10:30 am



Remember finally, that the ashes that were on your forehead are created from the burnt palms of last Palm Sunday. New beginnings invariably come from old false things that are allowed to die.

-Richard Rohr

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Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Centering Moment

Prelude *Palm Branches* Kathy Spencer, piano
Faure

Welcome Gary Jewell

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

***Call to Worship** Susan Poch

Today is Palm Sunday: a day of hope and expectation.

This day our messiah comes, riding into the center of power on a humble colt,

Not the war horse of a conquering emperor.

This day we shout in triumph and joy.

But in a few days our hope will turn to bitterness.

This day we imagine what we think will be.

But in a few days what we thought was to be, will be proven false.

This day the cheers briefly hold back the drumbeats of disillusionment.

But too soon our shouts of joyful "hosannas" will take a dark turn toward a mob crying a much different tune.

This day we take our places amongst the hopeful crowd.

***Hymn** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* #213

Call to Wholeness:

**Eternal God,
whose word silences the shouts of the mighty:
Quiet within us every voice but your own.
Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ
that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
we may receive grace to show Christ's love
in lives given to your service. Amen**

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Anthem *African Alleluia* CCUCC choir
arr. Patrick Liebergen

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness Mark 11: 1-11 Susan Poch

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a

colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this: 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' " They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Sermon *Beware the Crowds* Gary Jewell

***Hymn** *All Glory Laud and Honor* #216

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 *Laudate Dominum* Anjali Dodhia, vocals
Mozart

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** *Prepare Ye The Way of the Lord*
from Godspell; Stephen Schwartz

**Prepare Ye the way of the Lord,
Prepare Ye the way of the Lord. (repeat)**

*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.

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

CCUCC's "We're with the Banned" books display at Neill Public Library in Pullman recently received an upgrade. Now you can view the expanded display prominently featured in the Olson St. foyer entrance of the library.

CCUCC in Pullman and The United Church of Moscow are presenting the film "God & Country" at the Kenworthy Theatre in Moscow on **Saturday, April 13 at 2 p.m.** Admission is \$8 per person. The documentary, produced by Rob Reiner, examines growing Christian nationalism in the United States. All are welcome to attend.

Maundy Thursday Service is **March 28th at 6:45 p.m. We could use 4-8 readers and servers for the service** (most of the readings are from the biblical account of the passion story). Let myself (Gary J.) or Sandy Evenson know if you would like to participate. In any case, we hope you might attend (and even invite a friend). For many, Maundy Thursday is a meaningful way to "connect the dots" leading to the resurrection story of Easter morning, March 31st.

If you would like to help with Family Promise (dinner host, overnight host, laundry or providing a meal, use the link in the weekly update to sign up.

Join us after church **today** for our first Letter Writing Pizza Party of 2024. All supplies will be ready for you. If you can't stay, letter writing packets will be available to take home.

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