

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 6

Office closed

Thursday, March 7

Lenten Class 5pm

Search Committee 7 pm



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

March 3, 2024

10:30 am



Who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant being made in human likeness.

- Philippians 6-7

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Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Centering Moment

Prelude *Learning to Walk* Kathy Spencer, piano
Joseph M. Martin

Welcome

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

***Call to Worship:** Sandy Evenson

One-Wisdom is calling.
Are we listening?
One-Wisdom is begging us to pay attention.
Are we listening?
One-Wisdom is crying out.
Are we listening?

God, we are listening for you. Speak to us. Help us hear your Wisdom.
God, we are looking for you. Help us see you in others including those who share our worship space this morning. God, we want to act on what we see and hear, so as we sing songs of praise and hear words of good news, fill our hearts with compassion for your children around the world and this beautiful planet we call come. Amen.

***Hymn** *From All That Dwell below the Skies* #27

Call to Wholeness:

Help us, O God to know your foolish wisdom. Teach us the ways of your cross.
In our poverty of spirit...
may we see clearly of your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.
In our sorrow...
may we accept the comfort of those around us.
In our humility...
may we know how to walk lightly and lovingly on the planet.
In our hunger and thirst for justice...
may we know the satisfaction of engagement with your spirit of shalom.
In our desire for mercy...
may we know the blessing that comes from giving and receiving undeserved grace.
In the sanctuary of our hearts...
may we catch a more fuller glimpse of your all loving mystery.
In our work for peace and justice in this world...
may we all come to understand ourselves as beloved.
In our sufferings and sacrifices for your righteousness...
may we know ourselves as citizens of your holy realm.
Teach us what it means to walk your path of foolish wisdom. Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Special Music *Meditation On A Folk Song* Diane Worthey, violin
arr. Joseph M. Martin

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 (NASB95) Sandy Evenson

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And the cleverness of the clever I will set aside." Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not *come to* know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than people, and the weakness of God is stronger than people.

Sermon *The Wisdom of Foolishness* Jeannette Solomini

***Hymn** *Just as I Am* #207

Celebration of Communion

Invitation

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayers of the People & the Jesus Prayer

**Our Mother and Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen. †**

Responding to Live Faithfully

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Be Thou My Vision* Mary Carloye, organ

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** *O Spirit of the Living God* #263

*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.

Join us **today** in the Main Dining Room of Bishop Place for the monthly Bishop Place Hymnsing.

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.

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.

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. Please RSVP to Gary Jewell at 509-280-4466.