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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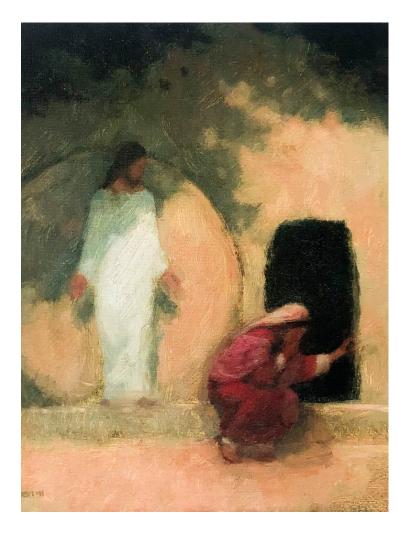
March 31, 2024

10:30 am

Community Congregational

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church



2023/24 Church Council

Moderator: Susan Poch Moderator-Elect: Darin Paulson Treasurer: Carl Hauser Clerk: Frances Clark Finance and Stewardship Team: Herb Hill Building and Grounds Team: Doug Blanks Hindman Faith Development Team: Sandy Evenson Congregational Life Team: Charla Chaudhry Congregational Care Team: Mary Carloye Shared Ministry Team: Charlene Toews Justice and Witness Team: Ginny Hauser Outreach Team: Nancy Mack

THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Monday, April 1

Office closed

Wednesday, April 3

Office closed Congregational Life 5:30 pm

> "They have taken my Lord away, and I do not know where they have put him! Then she turned around and saw Jesus standing there"

> > - Mary of Magdalene

"And he departed from our sight and we might return to our heart, and there find Him. For He departed, and behold, He is here.

- St. Augustine



Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Centering Moment

Prelude The Trumpet Shall Sound Brent Peters, trumpet

Welcome Gary Jewell

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

*Call to Worship Kym Dye

Loving, Powerful God,

Joy floods over our souls on this day! Christ is risen!

Fear is vanquished!

Open our hearts and our spirits to receive fully the joy which has been given for us!

Let us celebrate the victory of Christ. And the hope for the future!

May we gather on this day to declare Christ lives!

Christ lives indeed!

*Hymn Christ the Lord is Risen Today #233

Call to Wholeness:

Living Lord,

When we stand before the empty tomb

We don't always feel the joy of resurrection.

We feel fear, doubt, and distrust.

In your mercy, move us from the fear that paralyzes us at the brink of new life.

Move us away from the ways we doubt in the power of your love that conquers fear.

Help us to trust in your surprising, joyous plan.

Fill our emptiness with your glorious light.

Raise us to abundant new life

In the name of the one who has risen, hear our prayers.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Anthem Life Filled With Hallelujahs
Pepper Choplin

Ginny Hauser, flute

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness John 20: 1-18

Kym Dye

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the

tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

SermonMore Than Meets the EyeGary Jewell*HymnThe Day of Resurrection#245

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 I Know That My Redeemer Liveth Anjuli Dodhia, vocals Handel

For Easter Sunday loose cash offering will go to support One Great Hour of Sharing in support of disaster and refugee assistance.

Sent with Love into the World

*Hymn Yours Is The Glory #253

*Benediction/Passing of the Peace

*Postlude O Hail This Brightest Day of Days Mary Carloye, organ J. S. Bach

*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 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.

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