

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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Outreach Team: Nancy Mack

THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Monday, April 8

Justice & Witness 6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 10

Office closed

Thursday, April 11

Search Committee 7 pm



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

April 7, 2024

10:30 am



Take faith, for example. For many people in our world, the opposite of faith is doubt. The goal, then, within this understanding, is to eliminate doubt. But faith and doubt aren't opposites. Doubt is often a sign that your faith has a pulse, that it's alive and well and exploring and searching. Faith and doubt aren't opposites, they are, it turns out, excellent dance partners.

- Rob Bell

Faith keeps many doubts in her pay. If I could not doubt, I should not believe.

- Henry David Thoreau



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Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Centering Moment

Prelude *This Little Light of Mine* Guy Worthey, bass
arr. Michael Hassell

Welcome

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

***Call to Worship:** Tricia Grantham

Leader: We gather to worship—blessed are you who have doubts and questions.

People: We bring ourselves to this holy place where we are free to wonder and learn.

Leader: We gather to worship—blessed are you who keep your minds open to what lies beyond your senses.

People: We bring ourselves to this holy place where we know we can affirm that God is still speaking.

Leader: It is here where Jesus' light is revealed among us, and we hear him say, "Peace be with you."

All: Peace be with all those who seek the truth and walk by faith!

***Hymn** *Gather Us In* (insert)

Call to Wholeness:

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.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Anthem *Living Bread* CCUCC choir
Gilbert M. Martin

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness John 20: 19-31 Tricia Grantham

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the religious authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Creator has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon Thank God for Thomas Gary Jewell

***Hymn** *We Walk By Faith* (insert)

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 *Somebody Bigger Than You and I* Ginny Hauser, flute
Lange, Heath, & Burke

For the month of April the loose cash offering will go to support The Fig Tree.

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *Arise Your Light Is Come* #164

*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 at 3 pm.

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.

The Community Congregational United Church of Christ 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.

Thank you to all who joined us for the **Kick-off of our 2024 Vote Forward Letter Writing Campaign.** Please remember to return your completed letters to the church office as soon as possible. We have a goal of completing 2000 letters and will go as high as 4000 if people are interested in doing so. Your help WILL make a difference in this critical election! Remember NOT to SEAL the envelopes. Thanks so much! Contact Ginny at ginny.hauser@gmail.com if you would like a take home packet of 20 letters.

April 26th Fundraiser to benefit Meals on Wheels & Senior Chore Service The Pullman Community Council on Aging invites you to their first annual "Night Out" fundraiser on Friday, April 26, from 6:30-9pm at Regency Retirement Community. Tickets are \$35, which includes drinks, appetizers, and a live dollar auction. Proceeds will benefit Meals on Wheels and Senior Chore Service programs. To buy tickets or for details on how to donate an item or service for the auction, visit [Home - Pullman Community Council on Aging](#).

First monthly Game Night will be **Friday, April 19th at 6 pm.** See weekly update for details.

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