

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

Monday, May 6

Brother Moji Agha dialogue 5:30 pm

Wednesday, May 8

Office closed

Saturday, May 11

Suicide Prevention training 9 am



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

May 5, 2024

10:30 am



"Give us this day our daily bread"

- Jesus of Nazareth

The present moment is always full of infinite treasure. It contains far more than you can possibly grasp. Faith is the measure of its riches: what you find in the present moment is according to the measure of your faith. Love also is the measure: the more the heart loves, the more it rejoices in what God provides. The will of God presents itself at each moment like an immense ocean that the desire of your heart cannot empty; yet you will drink from that ocean according to your faith and love.

- Jean-Pierre de Caussade



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Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Centering Moment

Prelude *We Are God's People* Kathy Spencer, piano
David Haas

Welcome

Announcements/Joys/Concerns

***Call to Worship:** Charlene Toews

L: Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

P: Let the wicked forsake their way, and their unrighteousness their thoughts;

Let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,

And to our god, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

ways,

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace;

The mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,

And the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;

Instead of the briar shall come up the myrtle;

All: And it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,

For an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

***Hymn** *It Is Well With My Soul* #438

Call to Wholeness:

L: Move in our midst, O Spirit of God,
our lives will reflect the gentleness born of wisdom.

P: Turn us from envy, boastfulness, and selfish ambition.

Fill us with love from above.

We confess our part in the conflicts and disputes among us.

Too often our prayers become thinly veiled efforts to have our own way.

We need to hear your gentle but firm admonition:

“You ask but you do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.”

We need to hear your disarming invitation:

“Ask rightly and you will receive grace upon grace, much more than you could ever imagine!”

All: Amen

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Anthem *All You Who are Thirsty* CCUCC choir
Michael Connolly

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness Luke 11: 5-13 Charlene Toews

And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to this friend at midnight and say, ‘Neighbor, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to share. And the friend answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though this neighbor will not get up and give out of friendship, at least he or she will give what is asked for because the neighbor was persistent. “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? If you, then, with all your sins, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Parent give the Holy Spirit to those who ask?”

Sermon *If You Who are Flawed Can Imagine...* Gary Jewell

***Hymn** *We Are People On A Journey* #340

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 *Papillon* Ginny Hauser, flute
Lovland

*For the month of May the loose cash offering will go to support the
Disability Action Center.*

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *Amazing Grace* #547

*Benediction/Passing of the Peace

***Postlude** *Standin' In The Need Of Prayer* Kathy Spencer, piano
arr. Kurt Kaiser

*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.

Adopt-a-Highway will try again **today, May 5th**. Meet in the parking lot at **1:00 PM**.

Join us **today** in the Main Dining Room of Bishop Place for the monthly Bishop Place Hymnsing at 3 pm.

On May 6th, CCUCC will host an interfaith dialogue with Brother Moji Agha (Sufi, Iranian American). His topic will be entitled "Peace and Truth Heals". We will begin with a potluck at 5:30 with talk and dialogue beginning at 6:00. Bring a food item to share and your own table setting.

QPR Gatekeeper Suicide Prevention Training is at CCUCC on **Saturday, May 11, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.** QPR Gatekeeper Training teaches suicide prevention and intervention techniques using three simple steps (question, persuade, & refer).

Anyone, including you, can learn to help save a life from suicide. People trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help. FREE & open to everyone.

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.

Vote Forward letter writers are encouraged to return any letters that you have at home and to pick up another packet from Ginny. Packets will be available each Sunday at church. We have a goal of 4000 letters thanks to the generous donation of stamped envelopes from MaryAnn Boehmke. We CAN make a difference in this all important election. Let's do it!

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