

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, August 12

Justice & Witness 6:30 pm

Tuesday, August 13

Shared Ministry 1:00 pm

Wednesday, August 14

Office closed

Congregational Life 7 pm

Thursday, August 15

Coffee at Thomas Hammer 10:30 am

Friday, August 16

Queer Quest 6:30 pm

Saturday, August 17

Lentil Festival



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

August 11, 2024

10:30 am



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Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude *Trumpet Voluntary* Mary Carloye, organ
Gordon Young

Welcome Rev. Mike Bass

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

***Call to Worship:** Charlene Toews

Where is the Holy inviting us today?
Where is Love luring us?
Where is the Spirit longing to meet us?
Where are our collaborative efforts needed?
The Holy will show us the way.
The Holy meets us in ordinary acts of compassion.
They rejoice when we co-create hope.
Let us meet Them here today!

***Hymn** *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* #417

Call to Wholeness:

Gracious God, you offer us that which is full and lasting. At times, we find ourselves tossed to and fro, blown here and there when we exalt our ways over Your humble approach to living and giving. Trying to gain center stage, we pursue the illusory rather than the real, and so emerge defeated. Help us to find life again.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Special Music *Seasons of Love* Anjuli Dodhia, vocals
Jonathan Larson

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness John 6: 35, 41-51 (Inclusive) Charlene Toews

Jesus explained to them, "I am the bread of life. No one who comes to me will ever be hungry, no one who believes in me will ever be thirsty."

The Temple authorities started to grumble in protest because Jesus claimed, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They kept saying, "Isn't this Jesus, son of Mary and Joseph? Don't we know his mother and father? How can he claim to have come down from heaven?"

"Stop your grumbling," Jesus told them.

"No one can come to me unless drawn by Abba God, who sent me — and those I will raise up on the last day.

It is written in the prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard God's word and has learned from it comes to me. Not that anyone has seen Abba God — only the one who is from God has seen Abba God. The truth of the matter is, those who believe have eternal life.

I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, and if you eat it you'll never die.

I myself am the living bread come down from heaven. If any eat this bread, they will live forever; the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Sermon *Presence and Love* Rev. Mike Bass

***Hymn** *Children of God* #533

Responding to Live Faithfully

Prayers of the People & the Jesus Prayer:

Eternal Spirit, Life-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 *You Raise Me Up* Ginny Hauser, flute
Rolf Lovland

For the month of August the loose cash offering will go to support Pullman Child Welfare.

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *Pass It On* (insert)
Kurt Kaiser

*Benediction/Passing of the Peace

***Postlude** *Pass It On* (insert)
Kurt Kaiser

*Please stand as 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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Thanks to the Rev. Molly Bolton and the Rev. John Will as liturgical guides.

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

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.

The Congregational Life Team is having a Thursday morning no-host **10:30 am** coffee hour at a local downtown coffee shop. For the month of **August** we will be meeting at the **Thomas Hammer** coffee shop downtown. Parking in the covered lot under the old City Hall on Paradise St. makes for a short walk to Thomas Hammer. The footbridge to Pine Plaza may or may not be open. Each month we will change the location, so we will keep you posted!

SUMMER READING!This week's question/activity is based on my visit to *The Foundry* last week for lunch. They have a clearly stated policy on sustainability and recycling. Next time you go out to eat, see if the restaurant has something similar. Pay attention to sustainable options, such as getting your latte in a mug instead of a plastic-coated cup. Are take-out containers recyclable, biodegradable, or reusable? How does this awareness change your behavior? Please join us for a summer book group reading *Total Garbage: How We Can Fix Our Waste and Heal Our World* followed by a potluck and discussion. **Potluck date is Saturday, August 24 at 6:00 PM in Brewster Hall.** For questions contact Sandy Evenson (509-336-9736) or Lynn McCollough (360-480-2049)

CHURCH RETREAT AT N-SID-SEN SEPTEMBER 13-15, 2024.

A registration form will be available soon with pricing and lodging selection. Campership funding is available. We want everyone to enjoy this beautiful retreat! Never been to N-Sid-Sen? **Stay for coffee hour on Sunday, August 11** for a brief presentation!

Family Promise of the Palouse needs you! We are doing volunteer training at the church on August 18th after service until 1pm. All are welcome, both new and returning volunteers. Bring a friend! Please let Suzanne or Lynn know if you plan to attend, so we can keep a head count. The next host week starts September 1st. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed for Game Day Parking It's time to sign up if you'd like to help collect donations from football fans who use the CCUCC parking lot on game days. **There are 6 home games this year: 8/31, 9/7, 9/20 (Friday night), 10/19, 11/9, 11/30.** To volunteer, see the weekly email for the link to SignUp Genius. For more information, contact Wanda Terry: wandaterry@yahoo.com or 509.595.0450 text or call.