

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, August 7

Office closed

Thursday, August 8

Coffee at Thomas Hammer 10:30 am

Friday, August 9

Queer Quest 6:30 pm



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

August 4, 2024

10:30 am



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Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Centering Moment

Prelude *Traumerei* Kathy Spencer, piano
Robert Schumann

Welcome Rev. Mike Bass

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

***Call to Worship:** Beth Waddel

Love incarnate has come that we might have life,
To have life abundantly.
The Bread of Life has come that we might be filled;
Every part of us is worthy of sacred fulfillment.
Where there is mindful living and holistic care,
The Spirit of Christ is among us.
We desire to thrive together
To feed one another and be fed.

***Hymn** *Let Us Talents & Tongues Employ* #347

Call to Wholeness:

Gracious God, you have created a world of abundance and flourishing. Every resource, every gift, every product originates from the generosity of your creation and the creativity you have bestowed upon us. Forgive us for misuse and overuse of your gifts. Reveal our attitudes toward the plentiful trove of resources you have entrusted to our care. Sow generosity in us, reveal abundance to us, and enable flourishing through us. Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Special Music *The Water Is Wide* Ginny Hauser, flute
James Michael Stevens

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness John 6: 24-35 (Inclusive) Beth Waddel

[The next day, the crowd that had stayed on the other side of the lake saw that only one boat had been there; and they knew that Jesus had not gotten into the boat with the disciples - that the disciples had set off by themselves. Other boats, however, had put in from Tiberias, near the place where the bread had been eaten after the Rabbi had given thanks.]

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor the disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and crossed to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they said, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

Jesus answered them, "The truth of the matter is, you're not looking for me because you have seen signs, but because you have eaten your fill of the bread. You shouldn't be working for perishable food, but life-giving food that lasts for all eternity; this the Chosen One can give you, for the Chosen One bears the seal of Abba God."

At this they said, "What must we do to perform the works of God?"

Jesus replied, "This is the work of God: to believe in the one whom God has sent."

So they asked Jesus, "What sign are you going to give to show us that we should believe in you? What will you do? Our ancestors had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says, 'God gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

Jesus said to them, "The truth of the matter is, Moses has not given you bread from heaven; yet my Abba gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

"Teacher," they said, "Give us this bread from now on."

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

Sermon *Harvesting Generosity* Rev. Mike Bass

***Hymn** *Let Us Break Bread Together* #330

Celebration of Communion

Invitation

Sharing of the Bread and Cup - All are welcome at the table.

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.

Responding to Live Faithfully

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Eat This Bread And Never Hunger* Kathy Spencer, piano
Daniel Charles Damon

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

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *Bread for the Journey (vs 1-3)* (insert)
Bret Hesla (Augsburg Fortress)

*Benediction/Passing of the Peace

***Postlude** *Bread for the Journey (vs 4, 1)* (insert)
Bret Hesla (Augsburg Fortress)

*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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Thanks to the Rev. Molly Bolton and the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay 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.

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

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! 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.** To foster discussion at the potluck, we are posting questions and activities for your consideration. First: click on the link in the updates and listen to the story on NPR. Try your own version of this experiment yourself and tell us how you did!

Queer Quest has returned on Friday nights at **6:30**.

SAVE THE DATE! CHURCH RETREAT AT N-SID-SEN SEPTEMBER 13-15, 2024. We always enjoy our autumn time at camp with the Richland UCC! This year Pastor Mike will be joining us and Faith Development is planning a spiritually nourishing hands-on activity for all. Watch this space for details about registration and car-pooling