

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.

Community Congregational

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THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Monday, September 2

Office closed - Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3

Congregational Life

Wednesday, September 4

Office closed

Thursday, September 5

Coffee at Cups & Pups 10:30 am

Friday, September 6

Queer Quest 6:30 pm



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

September 1, 2024

10:30 am



*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here*



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Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude *I Want Jesus To Walk With Me* Kathy Spencer, piano
arr. Kurt Kaiser

Welcome Rev. Mike Bass

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Passing of the Peace

Let us share words of peace and belonging

***Call to Worship:** Bill Condon

Who has access to divine love?
Holiness is revealed by loving conduct
The Divine is not the enforcer of a linear life
But Love who expands as the Cosmos
The Spirit delights in all of our complexity
Let us gather in the midst of God Unfolding

***Hymn** *For the Beauty of the Earth* #28

Call to Wholeness:

Holy One, you call us to be rooted and grounded in love. You call us to love the world with your passion, and to let that love be expressed in justice, forgiveness, peace. Forgive us when our hearts are constricted with fear and do not let your transforming grace open us to the world you cherish. Forgive us when we honor you only with our lips and not with our actions.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Special Music *16 Tons* Carl Hauser, vocals
Trad. Merle Travis

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness Mark 7:1-8 Bill Condon

The Pharisees and some of the religious scholars who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus. They had noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands — that is, without ritually washing them. For the Pharisees, and Jewish people in general, follow the tradition of their ancestors and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow. Moreover, they never eat anything from the market without first sprinkling it. There are many other traditions which have been handed down to them, such as the washing of cups and pots and dishes.

So the Pharisees and religious scholars asked Jesus, "Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of our ancestors, but eat their food with unclean hands?"

Jesus answered, "How accurately Isaiah prophesied about you hypocrites when he wrote, 'These people honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me; The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human precepts.' "You disregard God's commandments and cling to human traditions."

Sermon *Laboring, Tabling, and Traditions of Love* Rev. Mike Bass

***Hymn** *Great is your faithfulness* #423

Celebration of Communion

Invitation

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

***Hymn** *Come to the Table of Grace* (insert)

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 *Sacred Etude* Ginny Hauser, flute
James Michael Stevens

For the month of September the loose cash offering will go to support Community Action Center - Emergency Housing.

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *Praise the Source of Faith & Learning* #411

***Benediction/Passing of the Peace**

***Postlude** *Rejoice in the Lord, Always* (insert)
Carl & Ginny Hauser

*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. Bonnie Tarwater and the Rev. Molly Bolton 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.

As part of our Environmental Covenant, we are launching a drive to **Bring Your Own Cup** to coffee hour on Sundays (or any other event). Just think, over the course of a year, we could keep as many as 1300 paper cups out of the landfill! To add some fun, you could bring any special cup you have and exchange its story with your tablemates.

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 **September** we will be meeting at the **Pups and Cups** coffee shop downtown. Parking is convenient at Neill Library or the small lot across the street from the library entrance. Each month we will change the location, so we will keep you posted!

SAVE THE DATE! CHURCH RETREAT AT N-SID-SEN SEPTEMBER 13-15, 2024. If you need a registration form, there are some on the table in the narthex or see the weekly update.

We are down to the last box of the Vote Forward letters which is currently in the office. Thank you to all who have participated! There will be a "stuffing party" on **Sunday, September 29th** after worship. Everyone is welcome.

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. See the activity update for all details and the link to SignUp Genius. **There are 6 home games this year: 8/31, 9/7, 9/20 (Friday night), 10/19, 11/9, 11/30.** For questions or other info: Wanda Terry, wandaterry@yahoo.com or 509.595.0450 text or call.

We will be showing God and Country on **Thursday, September 12 at 6pm** in Fellowship Hall. A discussion will be held afterwards. Drinks and popcorn provided. Bring a friend!