

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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Outreach Team: Nancy Mack

THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Monday, September 16

Stewardship & Finance 10:30 am

Tuesday, September 17

Coffee at Pups & Cups 10:30 am

Wednesday, September 18

Office closed

Thursday, September 19

Congregational Care 1:30 pm

Friday, September 20

Outreach 9:30 am

Queer Quest 6:30 pm



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

September 15, 2024

10:30 am



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



If you do not wish to keep this bulletin, please recycle it. Thanks.

Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude *Brother James' Air* Kathy Spencer, piano
arr. Larry Shackley

Welcome Rev. Kristine Zakarison

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

***Call to Worship** Tricia Grantham

Leader: We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.
People: We need not look up to find God, we need only look around:
Leader: within ourselves, into the eyes of another.
People: We need not listen for distant thunder to find God, we need only listen to the music of life, the words of children,
Leader: the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat.
All: We worship the God who inhabits our world and who indwells our lives.

Passing of the Peace

Let us share words of peace and belonging

***Hymn** *We Limit Not The Truth Of God* #316

Call to Wholeness:

“Unclutter our lives, Lord we have too much, consume too much, expect too much.

Grant us perspective; to see this world through others' eyes than just our own.

Grant us compassion; where there is need to play our part not turn aside.

Grant us gratitude for what we have, our daily bread the gift of life.

Unclutter our lives, Lord, give us space, simplicity thankful hearts.”

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Special Music *My Heart Ever Faithful* Ginny Hauser, flute
J. S. Bach

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness Luke 1:46-55 Tricia Grantham
(contemporary adaptation)
(The words of Mary, known as the “Magnificat”)

My soul proclaims your greatness, O God!
My heart rejoices in you, my Savior,
because you have showered your servant with blessing!
From now to the end of time,
all generations will know the great things you have done for me.

Mighty One! Your name is holy!
In every age,
your compassion flows to those who reverence you!
But all who seek to exalt themselves in arrogance
will be leveled by your power.

You have deposed the mighty from their seats of power,
and have raised the lowly to high places.
Those who suffer hunger,
you have filled with good things.
Those who are privileged,
you have turned away empty-handed.

You have come to the aid of your people,
in fulfillment of the promise you made to our ancestors—
when you spoke blessing to Sarah and Hagar
and all their descendants, to the utmost generation!

Sermon *Matters of the Heart* Rev. Kristine Zakarison

***Hymn** *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* #498

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 *Intermezzo Sinfonica* Diane Worthey, violin
from *Cavalleria Rusticana*
Pietro Mascagni

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** *We Are Called* (insert)

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Rejoice in the Lord, Always* (insert)

*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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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.

Orders for “The Future is Inclusive” t-shirts are due **today**.

Weekday Coffee Hour - ALERT! For our weekday downtown coffee time, is now on **Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.** This will enable Pastor Mike to join us occasionally. Through September we will meet at Pups and Cups on Main St. All are welcome to drop in between 10:30 and 11:30 for our no-host social time as we continue to support businesses through the difficult Main St. construction period. Each month we'll change location, so we'll keep you posted!

Thank you, Game Day Volunteers! Thank you to the Game Day volunteers who helped to collect donations from football fans who used the CCUCC parking lot for the first two games: Frances Clark, Tricia Grantham, Sue Schell and Al Frakes. Another big thank you to Chris Cummings and Lisa Sully who set up the parking lot the day before football fans started to arrive. After the first two games, more than \$1000 has been donated to date. Go Cougs! Go CCUCC!!

Vote Forward Letter Writing update - We are in the last phase of our huge letter writing event. Please complete any outstanding letters that you might have and **return them to church no later than September 29th** so that we can stuff and seal them for mailing. Thank you so much. And give yourself a pat on the back! 5005 letters!!! WOW!

Now that all of you have a new "The Future Is Inclusive" shirt, please plan to wear your shirt to our **Vote Forward Letter Stuffing Party** after church on **Sunday, September 29th**. We will have tables set up in Fellowship Hall. Grab your treats from Brewster and come on down to join us. We'll stuff and seal all the envelopes so that we can send them off with a prayer! All are invited to help out even if you did not write any letters. This is a great photo op for the church so wear those tees!