

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

Tuesday, September 24

Coffee at Pups & Cups 10:30 am

Building & Grounds 1:30 pm

Wednesday, September 25

Office closed

Council meeting 10 am

Friday, September 27

Game Night 6 pm

Queer Quest 6:30 pm

Sunday, September 29

Vote Forward stuffing party - after worship



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

September 22, 2024

10:30 am



A Good Life: good community

PROVERBS 31:10-31



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 *All God's Children Got A Place In The Choir* Kathy Spencer, piano
Bill Staines

Welcome Rev. Mike Bass

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

***Call to Worship** Darin Paulson

The Holy One is a partner, a lure, an invitation
God is a dance, a welcome, a celebration.
Our presence among the Holy is called for
They welcome us into relationship.
The Holy One is patient and does not force,
But unfolds life into more life and possibility.
Come let us gather with the God of Hope!
By your Spirit, may we make it so!

Passing of the Peace

Let us share words of peace and belonging

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

Call to Wholeness:

Holy One, you call us to be doers of your loving Way. You call us to love the world with your passion, and to let that love be expressed in justice, forgiveness, and 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 fail to care for others.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Anthem *Here I Am Lord* CCUCC choir
Dan Schutte

Refrain: **Here I Am, Lord. Is It I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness Proverbs 31:10-31 Darin Paulson

What is worth more than a strong and loving partner? She is more precious than jewels;
Her own partner's heart trusts in her, from which no little gain is drawn.
She brings good to her house all the days of her life.
For she seeks out the tools of her trade, and works with willing hands.
She is like the merchant ship which brings provisions from far off.
She rises before dawn to put into motions the working of the household.
After some consideration she buys a field and, with what she has earned, puts in a vineyard.
She is up to the demands of labor, and her limbs rise to meet the task.
She enjoys the success that comes from hard work, and her lamp burns late at night.
She works the spindle in one hand, while holding the distaff in the other.
She holds out a hand to the hungry, and opens her arm to the homeless.
She prepares her household for snowy weather, for they are all warmly clothed.
She makes her own quilts, and dresses them in fine linen and purple.
Her partner is respected in the public square, and takes a seat among the elders.
She makes linen garments for the market, and delivers belts to the merchants.
Strength and honor are her mien; she rejoices in the future.
Her speaking displays of wisdom; words of kindness come from her tongue.
She supervises the household well, and does not sit idle.
Her children rise up and bless her; her partner, too, says "thank you."
Many women who have done very well, but you excel them all!"
Charm deceives, and beauty flees; but she who loves the Holy One is worthy of praise.
May she be filled with the fruit of her hands; and may her works be extolled in the public square.

Sermon *A Good Life: Good Community* Rev. Mike Bass

***Hymn** *Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant* #539

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 *Kum Ba Yah* Kathy Spencer, piano
arr. Dennis R. Johnson

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** *For the Healing of the Nations* #576

***Benediction**

***Postlude** Camp Songs Led by Kym Dye &
Do Lord & If I Had A Hammer Sandy Evenson

*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 as a liturgical guide.

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.

A New School Year means that your Church Choir is back! We'll meet each Sunday **morning at 9:15.** Any and ALL are WELCOME!

For our weekday downtown coffee time, is now on **Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.** 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!

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!

Next Game Night is this **Friday, September 27th at 6 pm.**