

# 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

### United Church of Christ

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#### STAFF SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

**Mike Bass** Greeters: Dennis Hatley & Megan Guido  
*Minister*

**Usher: Nancy Mack**

**Julie Tarlyn** Liturgist: Kym Dye  
*Administrative Assistant*

**Megan Guido** Coffee Hour: Marion Yonge  
*Outreach Coordinator*

**Office Hours:** M, T, Th 9am-4pm  
**Office Hours:** M, T, Th, F 10am-1pm  
**Office Hours:** M/W 1-5pm; T/Th 8:30am-1:30pm

#### 2024/25 Church Council

Moderator: Darin Paulson

Moderator-Elect: Sandy Evenson

Treasurer: Carl Hauser

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Stewardship & Finance Team: Herb Hill

Building and Grounds Team: Doug Blanks Hindman

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Congregational Life Team: Charla Chaudhry

Congregational Care Team: Nancy Gillard

Shared Ministry Team: Tricia Grantham

Justice and Witness Team: Kym Dye

Outreach Team: Nancy Mack

#### THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

##### Tuesday, October 1

Coffee at Neill's Coffee Shop 10:30 am

##### Wednesday, October 2

Office closed

##### Friday, October 4

Queer Quest 6:30 pm



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

September 29, 2024

10:30 am



# A Good Life: good causes

ESTHER 7:1-3



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** *March of the Women* Diane Worthey, violin  
Ethel Smith

**Welcome** Rev. Mike Bass

**Announcements**

**Joys and Concerns**

**\*Call to Worship** Kym Dye

Spirit of the Living God, our help in times of trouble  
**Rise among us, within us, and around us.**  
Wherever there is fear,  
**Give us courage.**  
Wherever there is pain,  
**Let us be seekers of healing.**  
Wherever there is injustice,  
**May we call out oppression.**  
Through you, O God, all mourning will be turned into celebration.  
**By your Spirit, may we make it so!**

**Passing of the Peace**

Let us share words of peace and belonging

**\*Hymn** *Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling* #67

**Call to Wholeness:**

Holy One, there are times when all we can see is a suffering world. We look for you in every direction; sometimes you seem to be hidden. At times we forget that we need each other and that our faithful service contributes to the flourishing of life. Remind us of your presence within.

*(Silent Prayer)*

**Assurance of Grace**

**Anthem** *For Where Love Is, There Is God* CCUCC choir  
Douglas E. Wagner

## Connecting with Sacred Stories

**Ancient Witness** Esther 7:1-3 Kym Dye

So the king and Haman went to dinner with Queen Esther. At this second dinner, while they were drinking wine the king again asked, "Queen Esther, what would you like? Half of my kingdom! Just ask and it's yours."

Queen Esther answered, "If I have found favor in your eyes, O King [Xerxes], and if it pleases the king, give me my life, and give my people their lives..."

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

**\*Hymn** *We Love Your Realm, O God* #312

## 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** *Be Thou My Vision* Mary Carloye, organ  
Gordon Young

*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** *You Are Salt for the Earth, O People* #181

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

\*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 **October** we will meet at **Neill's Coffee Shop** 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 Stuffing Party** after church on Sunday, September 29th in Fellowship Hall. We will have a coffee hour with light lunch treats. (No writing involved this time. It's easy to close these self seal envelopes.) Please wear your church tee shirt if you have one so we can get some great photos of this huge endeavor and celebrate sending out 5005 letters to voters!

This week, Council would like to affirm Ginny Hauser for her tireless effort in the Get Out the Vote campaign, Kym Dye and Sandy Evenson for planning and organizing an awesome retreat at N-Sid-Sen, and Megan Guido for her constant attention to marketing the church.