## 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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# Community Congregational United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

September 8, 2024

10:30 am

#### 2024/25 Church Council

Moderator: Darin Paulson
Moderator-Elect: Sandy Evenson
Treasurer: Carl Hauser
Clerk: Frances Clark
Stewardship & Finance Team: Herb Hill
Building and Grounds Team: Doug Blanks Hindman
Faith Development Team: Sandy Evenson
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

#### Monday, September 9

Justice & Witness 6:30 pm

Tuesday, September 10

Coffee at Pups & Cups 10:30 am

Shared Ministry 1:00

Wednesday, September 11

Office closed

Thursday, September 12

Movie - God & Country 6 pm

Friday, September 13

Queer Quest 6:30 pm

Friday - Sunday (Sept 13-15)

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

Be opened

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

## Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

**Prelude** God's Got The Whole World in God's Hands Kathy Spencer, piano arr. Sid Richardson

Welcome Rev. Mike Bass

Announcements

**Joys and Concerns** 

\*Call to Worship Corey Johnson

Trust in the Holy One, for they abide forever.

Surround us, O God, like the atmosphere around the earth.

We stretch out our hearts reaching for your goodness and kindness.

Surround us, O God, like the atmosphere around the earth.

Lead us on good paths and make us agents of peace.

Surround us, O God, like the atmosphere around the earth.

#### **Passing of the Peace**

Let us share words of peace and belonging

\*Hymn My Faith is an Oaken Staff #418

#### **Call to Wholeness:**

Holy One, we confess our tendency to exclude rather than to include, to form closed groups rather than open communities, and to prioritize comfort rather than embrace curiosity. Help us to truly love our neighbor, whether family, friend, stranger, or foe, as ourselves and with the love you demonstrate toward us.

(Silent Prayer)

**Assurance of Grace** 

Special Music Sonata No. 4 in D Minor: Andante Diane Worthey, violin Johann Christoph Pepusch

## Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness Mark 7:24-30 (Women's Lectionary) Corey Johnson

[After teaching] Jesus, getting up, went to the region of Tyre. There he entered a house and did not wish anyone to know. Yet he was not able to escape notice.

Rather, a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard about him and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now, the woman was Greek [meaning not from Judea], of Syrophoenician ancestry and she asked him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

He told her, "Let the children of the household be fed first, for it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."

But she answered back, "Healer, even the dogs under the table eat the crumbs of the little children."

Then Jesus said to her, "For saying this, go; the demon has come out of your daughter." And she went to her house, found the child put on the bed and the demon gone.

SermonBe OpenedRev. Mike Bass\*HymnThis Is a Day of New Beginnings#417

## 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** A Sacred Blessing Diane Worthey, violin 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 All Things Bright and Beautiful #31

\*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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Thanks to Rev. Dr. Cheryl A Lindsay 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.

Weekday Coffee Hour - ALERT! For our weekday downtown coffee time, we are changing from Thursdays to <u>TUESDAYS at 10:30 a.m., starting on</u>
<u>September 10</u>. 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!

#### CHURCH RETREAT AT N-SID-SEN SEPTEMBER 13-15, 2024.

A registration form are available at the church in the narthex with pricing and lodging selection. Campership funding is available. We want everyone to enjoy this beautiful retreat!

**Volunteers Needed for Game Day Parking** One more volunteer is needed for the October 19th game. To volunteer, see the weekly email for the link to SignUp Genius. For more information, contact Wanda Terry: wandaterry@yahoo.com or 509.595.0450 text or call.