## 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.
- Seek community that is inclusive of all people, honoring differences in theological perspective, age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, class, or ability.
- 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.
- Embrace the insights of contemporary science and strive to protect the Earth and ensure its integrity and sustainability.
- 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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# **Community Congregational** United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

November 17, 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: open

#### THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

#### Monday, November 18

Stewardship & Finance 10:30 am

#### **Tuesday, November 19**

Coffee at Thomas Hammer Coffee Shop 10:30 am Building & grounds 1:30 pm

#### Wednesday, November 20

Office closed Council 10 am<sub>(</sub> (Zoom)

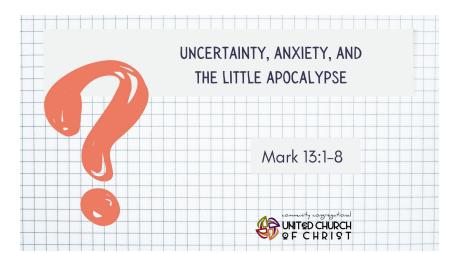
#### Thursday, November 21

Congregational Care 1:30 pm

#### Friday, November 22



Game Night 6 pm Queer Quest 6:30 pm



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

## Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude Now Thank We All Our God
Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Mary Carloye, organ

Welcome Rev. Mike Bass

Life of the Church

**Joys and Concerns** 

\*Call to Worship Beth Waddel

The sun rises pink on the horizon.

No matter the state of hope in our hearts.

The golden leaves release at the end of a season,

No matter what we cling to.

Embodied life ebbs and flows,

Our strength is rooted in God.

This is how God is - They renew, They release.

They guide us toward belovedness.

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

Let us share words of peace and belonging

\*Hymn We Gather Together #421

#### Call to Wholeness:

Redeeming God, we call upon your power to make all things new. We confess that we have, at times, compromised your good news rather than embrace the radical love, hospitality, and inclusion of your kin-dom. At times, we have been satisfied with a faith that conforms to rather than one that challenges the unjust systems of the world. Forgive us, we pray.

(Silent Prayer)

#### **Assurance of Grace**

Anthem Celtic Laud CCUCC choir Craig Courtney

Connecting with Sacred Stories

**Ancient Witness** Mark 13:1-8

Mark 13:1-8 [Inclusive]

Beth Waddel

As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of the disciples commented in passing, "Look, Teacher, what huge stones these are! What wonderful buildings!

Jesus replied, "See these great buildings? Not a single stone will be left on another. Everything will be torn down."

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives facing the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will all this happen? What will be the sign that all this is about to take place?"

Jesus began by saying, "Be on your guard that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name saying, 'I am the One!' and they will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumors of war, do not be alarmed. Things like this must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation and empire against empire; there will be earthquakes throughout the world and famines — yet this is only the beginning of the labor pains."

**Sermon** *Uncertainty, Anxiety, and the Little Apocalypse* Rev. Mike Bass

\*Hymn Praise Our God Above

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## 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

Simply Trusting Every Day Hingham, Aira D. Sankey; arr. Kurt Kaiser

For the month of November the loose cash offering will go to support Family Promise of the Palouse.

### Sent with Love into the World

\*Hymn This Is My Song (insert)

\*Benediction

\*Postlude Pass It On

It only takes a spark
To get a fire going
And soon all those around
Can warm up in its glowing
That's how it is with God's love
Once you've experienced it
You spread God's love to ev'ryone
You want to pass it on

\*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.

### $oldsymbol{A}$ nnouncements

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!

Our weekly downtown coffee time is now on **Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.** Through **November** we will meet at **Thomas Hammer** on Main St. All are welcome to drop in between 10:30 and 11:30 for our no-host social time with Pastor Mike.

CCUCC is teaming up with the Unitarian Universalist Church in Moscow for a project they started in Moscow called "Chasing the Chill". They expanded to Pullman later and asked if we would like to alternate months with them this winter. Scarves, gloves, hats, and socks of all sizes are collected and placed on the fence at River Nook near Neill Public Library. Let's fill the box in the Narthex with new or gently used items to help our friends in the community "Chase the Chill" this winter! Questions? Contact Kym Dye at kymdye57@gmail.com.

Our J&W team is sponsoring a webinar offered by the Open and Affirming Coalition, which is the LGBTQ+ arm of the UCC. It is titled, "Deconstructing Christian Nationalism", presented by April Ajoy, a former evangelical. Many of us watched the "God and Country" about this topic, but this speaker will present practical steps congregations can take to address Christian Nationalism. It will be this **Tuesday**, **Nov. 19, 4-5:30 pm** in Brewster Hall. Please join us!

**Friday, November 22** @ 7 p.m. join Nimiipu Protecting the Environment & Idaho Rivers United for a screening of THE GRAND SALMON. As wild salmon populations in Idaho approach extinction, three women embark on a 1000 mile expedition to take on four days at the heart of the salmons' catastrophic decline. At the Kenworthy.

Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 7 pm Community Band of the Palouse will be having a free concert. Admission is free. Five of our members are in the band!

Would anybody be interested in starting an informal yoga group that meets at the church one evening per week following an online instructor (Adrienne on YouTube). If so, let Lisa Carloye know (at <a href="lcarloye@gmail.com">lcarloye@gmail.com</a>) and what days work for you. If there is enough interest, we will get something regular set up and get going in the New Year.

Game Night is November 22nd at 6 pm.