

# 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 Nimípuu 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

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Justice and Witness Team: Kym Dye

Outreach Team: open

#### THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

##### Monday, March 24

Outreach 3 pm

##### Tuesday, March 25

Coffee at Pups & Cups 10:30 am

##### Wednesday, March 26

Office closed

Council 10 am

Yoga in Brewster Hall 5:30 pm

##### Friday, March 28

Game Night 6 pm

Queer Quest 6:30 pm



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## United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

March 23, 2025

10:30 am

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# FRUITFUL LIFE

LUKE 13:6-9



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** *Andante from Sonata in A Major Op. 120* Kathy Spencer, piano  
Franz Schubert

**Welcome** Rev. Mike Bass

**Life of the Church**

**Joys and Concerns**

**\*Call to Worship** Tricia Grantham

Life abundant calls to us,  
**Come alive! Come to life!**  
To be alive - fully awake in this world rich in beauty and wonder  
**This is the invitation from God.**  
Let us not settle for dull days.  
**Let our fruit be Love.**

**Passing of the Peace**

Let us share words of peace and belonging

**\*Hymn** *My Life Flows on in Endless Song* #476

**Moment for Mission**

**Anthem** *I Am the Vine, You Are the Branches* CCUCC choir  
Bob Hurd

## Connecting with Sacred Stories

**Children's Moment** Rev. Mike Bass & Kym Dye

**Ancient Witness** Luke 13:6-9 [Inclusive] Tricia Grantham

Jesus told this parable: "There was a fig tree growing in a vineyard. The owner came out looking for fruit on it, but didn't find any. The owner said to the gardener, 'Look here! For three years now I've come out in search of fruit on this fig tree and have found none. Cut it down. Why should it clutter up the ground?'"

"To that, the gardener said, 'Please have it one more year while I hoe around it and fertilize it. If fruit grows next year, fine; if not, then let it be cut down.'"

**Sermon** *Fruitful Life* Rev. Mike Bass

**\*Hymn** *For the Beauty of the Earth* #28

## 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** *As the Deer Longs for the Waterbrooks* Ginny Hauser, flute  
Peter Pindar Stearns

*For the month of March the loose cash offering will go to support FāVS News.*

**Doxology** **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

## Sent with Love into the World

**\*Hymn** *Like A Tree beside the Waters* #313

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** *You Shall Go Out With Joy*

**You shall go out with joy  
And be led forth with peace.  
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the fields  
will clap, will clap their hands.  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands  
All the trees of the field will clap their hands  
All the trees of the field will clap their hands  
while you go out with joy! REPEAT ALL**

\*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 liturgical guide.

**Assistive listening devices are available in the back of the sanctuary.**

## Announcements

**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. All are welcome.

Have a desire to make a joyful noise? Choir meets each Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. Any and ALL are WELCOME.

Weekly coffee time is **Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.** Through **March** we will meet at **Pups & Cups** on Main St. All are welcome to drop in between 10:30 and 11:30 for our no-host social time with Pastor Mike as we continue to support businesses. Each month we'll change location, so we'll keep you posted!

Come join us for yoga in Brewster Hall every **Wednesday at 5:30 pm.** Bring your yoga mat and practice with us.

Next Game Night is **Friday, March 28 at 6 pm.**