

# 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.

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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

### United Church of Christ

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#### STAFF SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

**Mike Bass** Usher: **Wanda Terry**  
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#### Julie Tarlyn

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#### Kathy Spencer

pianist

#### Emma Trayte

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#### 2025/26 Church Council

Moderator: Sandy Evenson

Moderator-Elect: open

Treasurer: Carl Hauser

Clerk: Frances Clark

Stewardship & Finance Team: Herb Hill

Building and Grounds Team: Doug Blanks Hindman

Faith Development Team: Charlene Toews

Congregational Life Team: Mary Carloye

Congregational Care Team: Nancy Gillard

Shared Ministry Team: Tricia Grantham

Justice and Witness Team: Kym Dye

Outreach Team: open

#### THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

#### Tuesday, August 26

Coffee @ Thomas Hammer 10:30 am

#### Wednesday, August 27

Office closed

Council 10 am

Faith Development 5 pm

Yoga in Brewster Hall 5:30 pm



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## United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

August 24, 2025

10:30 am

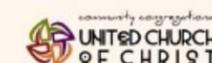
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### welcoming community



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Luke 13



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



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# Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

**Prelude** *Jesus Love Me/Oh, How He Loves You and Me* Kathy Spencer, piano  
arr. Kurt Kaiser

**Welcome** Rev. Mike Bass

**Life of the Church**

**Joys and Concerns**

**\*Call to Worship** Tricia Grantham

God of children and elders, plants and water  
**God of life, God of death, God of life again**  
God of the ordinary and the non-normative  
**Turn our understanding toward freedom**  
Turn our hearts toward compassion  
**Turn us toward the place where peace and justice meet**  
**Let us turn to God**

**Passing of the Peace**

An opportunity to share words of peace and belonging. The ancient, traditional greeting is “The peace of Christ be with you” with a response of “And also with you.”

**\*Hymn** *Come, We Who Love god's Name* #379

## Connecting with Sacred Stories

**Children's Moment** Rev. Mike Bass

**Blessing of the Backpacks & Bookbags**

**Special Music** *From A Distance* Anjali Dodhia, vocals  
Julie Gold

**Ancient Witness** Luke 13:10-17 [Inclusive Version] Tricia Grantham

One Sabbath, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues. There was a woman there who for eighteen years had a sickness caused by a spirit. She was bent double, quite incapable of standing up straight.

When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are free of your infirmity.” He laid his hands on her, and immediately she stood up straight and began thanking God.

The head of the synagogue, indignant that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the congregation, “There are six days for working. Come on those days to be healed, not on the Sabbath.”

Jesus said in reply, “You hypocrites! Which of you doesn't let your ox or your donkey out of the stall on the Sabbath to water it? This daughter of Sarah and Abraham has been in the bondage of Satan for eighteen years. Shouldn't she have been released from her shackles on the Sabbath?” At these words, Jesus' opponents were humiliated; meanwhile, everyone else rejoiced at the marvels Jesus was accomplishing.

**Sermon** *Welcoming Community* Rev. Mike Bass

**\*Hymn** *Strengthen All The Weary Hands* #612

## 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.**

**Inviting Generosity**

**Offertory** *Go Forth Into The World In Peace* Anjali Dodhia, vocals  
Paul Sjolund Ginny Hauser, flute

*August's cash loose offering will support the Intersectional Advocacy Coalition of Whitman County (IAC).*

**Doxology** **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise God, all creatures high and low: Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Praise God for all that love has done!**  
**Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One: Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Sent with Love into the World

**\*Hymn** *Lead On Eternal Sovereign* #612

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** *This Pretty Planet*

This Pretty Planet  
spinning through space.  
You're a garden, you're a harbor, you're a Holy place.  
Golden sun going down  
Gentle blue giant spin us around.  
All through the night.  
Safe 'til the morning light. (repeat)

\*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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Call to Worship by the Rev. Molly Bolton, UCC minister and contributor to enflashed. Adapted by the Rev. Mike Bass.

**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.

Weekly coffee time is **Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.** Through **August** 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 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 own yoga mat.

**Volunteers needed for football parking at CCUCC:** It's time to sign up if you'd like to help collect donations from football fans who use the CCUCC parking lot on game days. There are 6 home games this year. See the weekly email for the SignUp Genius link with game dates and kick off times. For more information, contact Wanda Terry, wandaterry@yahoo.com or 509-595-0450. Volunteers are still needed for Oct 25, Nov 15 and Nov 29. Thanks to everyone who has signed up already!

**Meal Train for Pat Magaret and Dennis Hatley.** If you'd like to help, see the Tuesday activity update for the link.

Please join us in the Palouse Pride parade, **Saturday, September 6, in Moscow.** Gather at the Moscow Post Office at **11:30**, wearing your colorful shirts, and we will walk to East City Park. Check out our church's booth as we celebrate Pride with folks of the Palouse!

Family Promise is here for the week. If you'd like to help with meals or being an overnight host, see the link in the Thursday update.