



Community Congregational

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

Accessible to All

August 30, 2026

10:30 am



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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	<i>The King Of Love My Shepherd Is</i>	Kathy Spencer, piano
	Arr. Jeanne Cotter	

Welcome Rev. Mike Bass

Life of the Church

Joys and Concerns

***Call to Worship** Susan Poch

Beloveds and Fellow People of God!

Let us tell our truths so all can hear.

Let us remember the wisdom that sustains us.

Our hope does not come from thrones of power.

Neither wealth nor control will secure our hearts' desires.

What satisfies is already among us.

The richest gifts of life are revealed through acts of love and solidarity.

There is no greater joy than when God is enfleshed among us,

Thanks be to God, the source of all that nourishes.

Passing of the Peace

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

***Hymn** *God Reigns o'er All the Earth* #21

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Children's Moment

Rev. Mike Bass

Special Music

Bless The Beasts And Children Emily Warnecke, vocals
Barry De Vorzon & Perry Botkin, Jr.

Ancient Witness ** Matthew 16:21-28 [*Inclusive*]

Susan Poch

From that time on, Jesus began to explain to the disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, to suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests, and religious scholars, and that he must be killed, and on the third day raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Rabbi!" he said. "This will never happen to you!" Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Get yourself behind me, you Satan! You are trying to make me stumble and fall. You're setting your mind not on the things of God, but of mortals."

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "If you wish to come after me, you must deny your very selves, take up the instrument of your own death and begin to follow in my footsteps. If you would save your life, you will lose it; but if you would lose your life for my sake, you will find it. What profit would you show if you gained the whole world but lost yourself? What can you offer in exchange for your very self?

"The Promised One will come in the glory of Abba God accompanied by the angels, and will repay all according to their conduct. The truth is, some of you standing here will not taste death before you see the coming of the Promised One's reign."

Sermon

Saving A Life

Rev. Mike Bass

***Hymn**

"Take Up Your Cross," the Savior Said

#204

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

Peaceful Moments
James Michael Stevens

Ginny Hauser, flute

Doxology

**Praise God whose breath fills all the earth
Whose love reveals our sacred worth
Whose Spirit forms one family
Whose grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.**

*Today's loose offering will support
Queer Quest and Game Night.*

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn**

God Be with You

#81

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

We are marching in the light of God
We are marching in the light of God

Repeat

We are marching, we are marching oooh
We are marching in the light of God.

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 liturgy the Rev. Molly Bolton of enfleshed. Adapted by the Rev. Mike Bass.

Doxology by Roger Lynn.

**Large print bible and large print hymns are available on the back table. Ask an usher for assistance.

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

Announcements

COFFEE HOUR: All are welcome to stay for coffee and treats and fellowship after worship today, just across the entryway to Brewster Hall.

Weekly coffee time is **Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.** We will meet at **Pups & Cups** on Main St through the month of September. All are welcome to drop in between 10:30 and 11:30 for our no-host social time with Pastor Mike.

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

REMEMBERING JOHN KRAMER. Today we will take time during coffee hour for an informal remembrance of long-time CCUCC member John Kramer with ice cream and shared stories. If you have a memory of John to share, pick up a card in the church entryway, write your message, and return it to the basket **by August 23.** We'll share the cards at coffee hour and then give them to the family. Questions? Ask Mary Carloye, 509-332-9229.

Online registration is now open for our N-Sid-Sen Family Camp Weekend, **September 18-20** - <https://camp.pncucc.org/camp-events/>. Camp is roughly \$150 per person, and includes six meals (Friday dinner through Sunday lunch) and two nights lodging. If you are interested in receiving a sponsorship for the event, please contact Corey Johnson (mjohnson34227@roadrunner.com) before registering. Registration ends, **Friday, September 11.** We hope you can join us for this annual, spiritually enriching experience! See the weekly updates for fun themes this year.

Calling all members. Congregational vote on Sunday, September 6th to fill the Moderator-Elect vacancy. Voting in person and on Zoom.

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;
ProgressiveChristianity.org©

*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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local non-profit.

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THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Tuesday, September 1

Coffee @ Pups & Cups 10:30 am

Wednesday, September 2

Office closed

Yoga 5:30 pm

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Usher: Nancy Mack

Liturgist: Susan Poch

Coffee Hour: MaryAnn Boehmke

Tech Team:

Doug Blanks-Hindman

Carl Hauser

Herb Hill

Corey Johnson

Bill Condon

Don Peters

Music:

Carl Hauser, choir director

2026/27 CHURCH COUNCIL

Moderator: Sandy Evenson

Moderator-Elect: open

Treasurer: Carl Hauser

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Stewardship & Finance Team:

Herb Hill

Building & Grounds Team:

Doug Blanks Hindman

Faith Development Team:

Charlene Toews

Congregational Life Team:

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Congregational Care Team:

Nancy Gillard

Shared Ministry Team:

Tricia Grantham & Susan Poch

Justice & Witness Team: Kym Dye

Outreach Team: open