



Community Congregational

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church
Accessible to All

August 9, 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

The Water Is Deep
Arr. Joseph M. Martin

Kathy Spencer, piano

Welcome

Rev. Mike Bass

Life of the Church

Joys and Concerns

***Call to Worship**

Susan Poch

In the midst of all that tosses us about,
In the heart of what makes us most afraid,
God gathers us together.
Grounding us in our collective power, nurturing our faith,
Drawing upon wells of wisdom, ancient and new,
our Spirits are renewed in the presence of God.

We take heart.
We share the load together.
We trust that fear will not overpower us.
Courage is the legacy of the faithful.

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**

Sekai no Tomo (Here, O God, Your Servants Gather)

#72

v. 1-3

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Children's Moment

Rev. Mike Bass

Special Music

Come To The Water

Ginny Hauser, Kate Hauser

John Foley, S.J

Susan Poch, Carl Hauser, vocals

Ancient Witness ** Matthew 14:22-33 [*Inclusive*]

Susan Poch

Jesus insisted that the disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side. Having sent the crowds away, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray, remaining there alone as night fell. Meanwhile the boat, already a thousand yards from shore, was being tortured by the waves which had been raised by the fierce winds. At about three in the morning, Jesus came walking toward them on the lake. When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water, they were terrified. "It is a ghost!" they said, and in their fear they began to cry out. Jesus hastened to reassure them: "Don't worry, it is I! Don't be afraid!"

Peter spoke up and said, "If it is really you, tell me to come to you across the water." "Come!" Jesus said. So Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was, he became frightened. He began to sink, and cried out, "Save me!" Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter. "You have so little faith," Jesus said to him. "Why did you doubt?" Once the two had climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat showed great reverence, declaring to Jesus, "You are indeed God's Own!"

Sermon

Navigating Uncertainty

Rev. Mike Bass

***Hymn**

You Walk Along Our Shoreline

#504

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

Wade In The Water
Arr. Larry Shackley

Kathy Spencer, piano

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.**

*August's loose offering will support
Alternative to Violence on the Palouse.*

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn**

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

#51

v. 1-3

***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 by 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 **Neill's** on Main St through the month of August. 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.

Quilt Museum Excursion. An amazing fabric art display in Genesee ID awaits us! All CCUCC members and friends are welcome to sign up for our excursion on **Thursday, August 13** to view 350+ pieces at the Kascha Quilts Museum. We'll gather at **10 a.m.** at the church parking lot to carpool, drive to 148 E. Ash St. in Genesee, spend an hour or more at the museum and have lunch at the Pastime Restaurant there in town before heading back to Pullman. The museum is handicap accessible. Sign up for the excursion in our church entryway. The variety and complexity of artistry in the quilts are breathtaking! Questions? Ask Mary Carloye, 509-332-9229 or mcarloye@completebbs.com.

REMEMBERING JOHN KRAMER. On **Sunday, August 30** 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.

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THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Monday, August 10

Justice & Witness 6:30 pm

Tuesday, August 11

Coffee @ Neill's 10:30 am

Shared Ministry 10 am

Wednesday, August 12

Office closed

Congregational Care 4:15 pm

Yoga 5:30 pm

Thursday, August 13

Quilt Excursion 10 am

Civics Education 6:30 pm

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Usher: Mary Carloye

Liturgist: Susan Poch

Coffee Hour: Nancy Mack

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

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Congregational Life Team:

Mary Carloye

Congregational Care Team:

Nancy Gillard

Shared Ministry Team:

Tricia Grantham & Susan Poch

Justice & Witness Team: Kym Dye

Outreach Team: open

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.



Key words in the Text

Matthew 14:22-33

Framing Chapter 14

Caesar's empire at work in Herod: exploiting humanity (v. 1-12)
God's Empire at Work in Jesus: Feeding the Five Thousand (v. 13-21)
God's Empire at Work in Jesus: Jesus Walks on the Water (v. 22-33)

From BDAG Greek/English lexicon (2000), et.al.

ēnankasen (ἐνάγκασεν): "he made/insisted." The verb **anankazō** carries a force with it, meaning "to compel, force, or constrain." It's a verb that conveys pressure.

basanizomenon (βασανιζόμενον): "tortured" or "tormented." Here, the boat — the shared vessel carrying the disciples — is coming apart under pressure.

egō eimi (ἐγώ εἰμι): "it is I." While many scholars read this as the equivalent of saying, "it's me," there are some who find in this the "I AM" from the burning bush and Isaiah. Either way, the disciples stop screaming when they hear the voice.

edistasas and **oligopiste** (ἐδίστας, ὀλιγόπιστε), usually translated as doubt and little faith, respectively. *Distazō* is not intellectual disbelief or skepticism, but the uncertainty that comes from being pulled in two directions, i.e., to waver because of uncertainty. *Oligopist-* is like oligopoly, in the sense of indicating a group of insiders. As Matthew tells it, these are people already following Jesus [Matt. 6:30; 8:26; 16:8; 17:20], and in this case, already soaking [14:31].