



Community Congregational

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

Accessible to All

September 20, 2026

10:30 am



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

On The Blue Ridge
Joseph M. Martin

Diane Worthey, violin

Welcome

Rev. Kristine Zakarison

Life of the Church

Joys and Concerns

***Call to Worship** (inspired by Psalm 105)

Jann Hill

One: O give thanks to the Holy One! Tell of God's wonderful works.

Many: Declare God's marvelous deeds among the peoples.

One: O give thanks to the Holy One! Give glory and rejoice!

Many: Sing praises to our God! Let our hearts be glad!

One: O give thanks to the Holy One: Remember the miracles and the judgments.

Many: The Holy One has remembered us. Praise God!

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 of Abraham and Sarah

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Connecting with Sacred Stories

Responsive Reading (written by Diann Neu)

Rev. Kristine Zakarison

Leader: Blessed be the works of your hands, O Holy One. Blessed be these hands that have touched life. Blessed be these hands that have nurtured creativity.

Many: Blessed be these hands that have held pain. Blessed be these hands that have embraced with passion.

One: Blessed be these hands that have tended gardens. Blessed be these hands that have closed in anger.

Many: Blessed be these hands that have planted new seeds. Blessed be these hands that have cleaned, washed, mopped, scrubbed.

One: Blessed be these hands that are wrinkled and scarred from doing justice.

Blessed be these hands that have reached out and been received. Blessed be these hands that hold the promise of the future.

All: Blessed be the works of your hands, O Holy One.

Anthem

All That I Am
William Himes

CCUCC Choir

Ancient Witness ** Exodus 16:2-15 *Manna in the wilderness*

Jann Hill

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of God in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then God said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days."

So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see God's glory, because God has heard your complaining against God. For what are we, that you complain against us?"

And Moses said, "When God gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because God has heard the complaining that you utter against God--what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against God."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: 'Draw near to God, for God has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites: they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of God appeared in the cloud.

And God spoke to Moses, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that God has given you to eat.

Sermon

Very Human Moments

Rev. Kristine Zakarison

***Hymn**

Touch the Earth Lightly

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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.

Inviting Generosity

Offertory

Elevation #30
Dom Paul Benoit

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.**

*September's loose offering will support
N-Sid-Sen.*

Sent with Love into the World

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Send down the fires of your justice,
Send down the rains of your love;
Send down the spirit breathe life in your people, and we shall be
people of God.

Call us to be your compassion
Teach us the song of your love.
Give us hearts that sing, give us deeds that ring, make us ring with
the song of your love.

Send down the fires of your justice,
Send down the rains of your love;
Send down the spirit breathe life in your people, and we shall be
people of God.

*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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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.

Choir is back! Rehearsals are Sunday mornings at **9:15 am**. Everyone is welcome.

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, September 25th at 6 pm**.

The next session of Queer Quest has started. Join us **Fridays at 6:30 pm**.

The League of Women Voters will be having an informative session at the Pullman Parks & Rec's Building B, Room 100 on **Thursday, September 24th at 7 pm**. They will be discussing initiative I-001 and I-638 and why they believe they are harmful to vulnerable kids. More info in the Tuesday update.

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. If you'd like to help, see the weekly email for the SignUp Genius link or use the QR code in the update. For more info: Wanda Terry, wandaterry@yahoo.com or 509-595-0450.

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 Nimlipuu 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.*

Scan code here to donate your loose change to
local non-profit.



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THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Tuesday, September 22

Coffee @ Pups & Cups 10:30 am

Wednesday, September 23

Office closed

Council 1 pm

Yoga 5:30 pm

Friday, September 24

Game Night 6 pm

Queer Quest 6:30 pm

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Usher: Wanda Terry

Liturgist: Jann Hill

Coffee Hour: Beth Powers

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

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