



Community Congregational

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

Accessible to All

September 27, 2026

10:30 am



Matthew 21:23-32



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

How Can I Keep From Singing
Arr. Richard Walters

Anjuli Dodhia, vocals

Welcome

Rev. Mike Bass

Life of the Church

Joys and Concerns

*Call to Worship

Jann Hill

The Spirit of Christ moves freely through the world
And makes herself known wherever She desires
 In sources of pain, in the shocking and the scandalous
In the hauntings of past and the promises of the future
 No doctrine or institution can contain or confine Her
We rejoice in a God whose Wisdom roams free

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**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

#43

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Stewardship 2026

Herb Hill

Children's Moment

Rev. Mike Bass

Anthem

Home of My Heart
Levesque & Bennett

CCUCC Choir

Ancient Witness ** Matthew 21:23-32 [*Inclusive*]

Jann Hill

Jesus entered the temple precincts and began teaching. The chief priests and the elders of the people came to him and said, "By what authority are you doing what you do? Who gave you this authority?" Jesus replied, "And I will ask you a single question; if you give me the answer, I will tell you my authority for these actions. What was the origin of John's right to baptize? Was it divine or was it human?" They discussed it among themselves and said, "If we say, 'divine,' he will respond, 'Then why did you refuse to believe him?' But if we say, 'human,' we have the people to fear, for they regard John as a prophet." So they replied to Jesus, "We don't know." Jesus responded with this: "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things."

Jesus continued, "What do you think? There was a landowner who had two children. The landowner approached the elder and said, 'My child, go out and work in the vineyard today.' The first child replied, 'No, I won't,' but afterwards regretted it and went. The landowner then came to the second child and said the same thing. The second child said in reply, 'I'm on my way,' but never went. Which of the two did what was wanted?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "The truth is, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. When John came walking on the road of justice, you didn't believe him, but the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you didn't repent and believe."

Sermon

Into the Vineyard

Rev. Mike Bass

***Hymn**

All Are Welcome
v.1-4

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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

Celtic Heart
Herman Beeftink

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

*Hymn

Go My Children, with My Blessing

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v. 1-2

*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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Call to Worship liturgy by M Jade Kaiser of *enfleshed*.

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**.

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 29

Coffee @ Pups & Cups 10:30 am

Wednesday, September 30

Office closed

Yoga 5:30 pm

Friday, October 2

Queer Quest 6:30 pm

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Usher: Nancy Mack

Liturgist: Jann Hill

Coffee Hour: Mary Carloye

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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