

## Living the Good News

When you join UCC-Simi you willingly covenant to live with compassion, conviction, and courage as you seek to live the "Good News" of God's extravagant welcome.

### 4 Simple Steps

**Attend worship**

**Stay for fellowship**

**Meet with our pastor**

**Attend an Exploring Membership Class and**

- Meet our members.
- Share your story.
- Learn about the UCC.
- Discover how you can serve God in this community.
- Let love lead you!

As Progressive Christians we believe that Jesus brings good news. Jesus is not God's ticket to heaven; he is God's witness to the nearness of God and the will of God.

The nearness of God is within us and without, that's the good news of God's realm, God's commonwealth.

The will of God is that all people flourish here and now. This is good news worth sharing!

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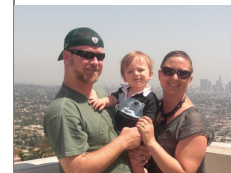
### Exploring Faith in a Progressive Community



**Whoever you are,**



**Wherever you are on  
life's journey,**



**You are welcome here!**

## An Invitation



The United Church of Christ in Simi Valley is a congregation of extravagant welcome. We hope you will come to experience that welcome in your bones and feel at home with us knowing that you are accepted just as you are.

We also hope that you will become active in our community. One of our favorite worship refrains is ‘Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.’ Let us welcome you into our circle of friends!

We seek to extend God’s grace in the world through concrete acts of love, by being a community of compassionate men and women steeped in generosity and accountable to our faith and one another.

Together, we can co-create a more loving world!

## What We Believe

There are many paths to God! God is present in all creation and every human being; but no one thing can define or limit the full expression of divine presence.

The Bible is meant to be taken seriously but not literally. i.e. Hell is not an afterlife location and God does not punish.

God calls us to be accountable for our life choices and daily actions. Love, not fear, guides our faith decisions.

We do not believe *Jesus died for our sins*. We believe the life practices and teachings of Jesus offer us saving grace sufficient for our needs.

Salvation is a process of healing in this life. Individual salvation alone is not our goal. We seek well-being and justice for all *in this life*.

*Our Communion feast welcomes all people to the table!*

Together we covenant  
to worship God;  
to live the good news of God’s love as revealed in the life and teachings of Jesus;  
to gather in faithful community;  
to seek righteousness, justice, and peace;  
and  
to render loving service to all of God’s creation.

**G**race means being who you are all the time, without apology or regret, without secrecy or reservation!

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