

You are Welcome Here!

Jubilee! Circle is a progressive, inclusive church, influenced by Creation Spirituality, ecumenical, feminist, and traditional Christian theologies. We are an open and affirming congregation, welcoming all regardless of race, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

At **Jubilee! Circle**, we respect and value each person's spiritual path. Whether you come from a church background, a religious background other than Christianity, or no religious background at all, you are welcome here.

We invite you to come and take delight in the Holy and in each other at **Jubilee! Circle**.



Meet the Pastor



Jubilee! Circle is led by Rev. Candace Chelwell-

Hodge, an ordained United Church of Christ minister. She is the founder/editor of *Whosoever: An Online Magazine for GLBT Christians*, and author of *Bulletproof Faith: A Spiritual Survival Guide for Gay and Lesbian Christians*.

Monthly Schedule:

1st Sunday: *Noms and Wisdoms* - Potluck and guided discussion
2nd Sunday: *Celebration*
3rd Sunday: *Faith on Film* - Video and discussion
4th Sunday: *Celebration with Communion*
5th Sunday: *Jubilee! The Musical* - Celebration in word and song.

We hope you'll visit us soon at Jubilee! Circle.

When: Each Sunday

Time: 6 p.m.

Where: 7900 Nell St. Columbia, SC

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More information:
<http://www.jubileecircleucc.com>

Want to hear us before you join us? Visit our Web site for podcasts of past celebration services.



Jubilee! Circle
From Certainty
to Mystery

**INTENTIONAL,
PROGRESSIVE,
INCLUSIVE,
COMMUNITY
IN COLUMBIA, SC**

WELCOME TO JUBILEE! CIRCLE

Jubilee! Circle is an intentional, progressive, inclusive community, seeking to come together not just for celebration services each week, but as a group of the faithful who want to touch the community around us in a meaningful way. We seek to be in communion with one another, and with those outside of our community.

As a ministry of the Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ, we hope to be known not just for our celebration service, but our community service.

A UNIQUE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Jubilee! Circle offers a different kind of "church" experience, appealing to those who may no longer find meaning in traditional church settings but are still seeking a connection to the Holy.



Our celebration services are unique, using contemporary music, like Bon Jovi or Alanis Morissette, and themes. Our celebration services offer a mixture of experiences including two regular celebration services, a monthly potluck, an ongoing video/discussion series, and frequent "Jubilee! The Musical" services featuring the talents of

our Ragtag Band. We seek to use our celebration services to connect in new and innovative ways with the Holy.

HELP! I'VE LOST MY DOGMA!

Our tag line, "From certainty to mystery ..." captures our mission at **Jubilee! Circle**. Our goal, in both community and worship, is to move us out of the dogmatic forms of religion that restrict us and quash our creative spirit with their "certainty" and move us instead into the "mystery" of the Holy where we can experience liberation, freedom, and new ways of moving and being in the world.

Grounded in Creation Spirituality

Jubilee! Circle uses as its guide the principles of Creation Spirituality outlined by Matthew Fox. Most of the Christian theology today is drawn from a story of fall and redemption - where we've fallen from God's grace and are originally cursed with sin.

Instead, Jubilee! Circle focuses on a theology of Original Blessing, which Fox tells us is older than the fall and redemption story.

We begin, not in a dark place of sin, but in a bright place of delight - where God created the heavens, the earth, the animals, the

plants, and yes, the humans, and proclaimed them all good. God still delights in all of it and invites us to delight in it, too.

Love is not just the stuff of fairy tales, it's the stuff of all creation, from the smallest atom to the tallest tree - God's love and delight is in, through, and around it all.