



Sunday, September 14, 2025  
Annual Giving Season

# DREAMING GOD'S DREAM

No gift too small, no dream too big.

Congregational Church  
of San Mateo  
Iglesia Congregacional de San Mateo

*"Because of who you are, and where you are  
on life's journey, you are welcome here."*



## New to our church? We're so glad you're here!

To celebrate, we'd love to pledge a \$5 donation on your behalf to a charity of your choice. Supporting other non-profits is something we do every week, and we'd love to include you in that practice.

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### Prelude

*Ayre* by Corelli  
*Sarabande* by Young

Don Harper

### Welcome

Revs. Jessica Vacketta

### ↑ Call to Worship

Chris Wuthmann

Leader: Come, all who seek to dream God's dreams and live into the Divine's abundant life.

**All: We come believing that even our smallest offerings can feed multitudes.**

Leader: Let us offer all that we are and all that we have, trusting in God's provision.

**All: For in God's kingdom, no gift is too small and no dream is too big.**

Leader: Let us open our hearts in joy and gratitude, knowing that when we share generously, we join in God's extraordinary work.

**All: Together, we celebrate the Divine presence that sustains us, transforms us, and inspires us to dream and live with great hope.**

### ↑ Opening Song

*O God of Vision*

Words: Jane Parke Huber, Music: Erneueren Gesangbuch

O God of vision far greater than all human scheming,  
gather us now in your presence, refreshing, redeeming.  
Show us anew, life in your breathtaking view,  
lovely beyond all our dreaming.

*(continued→)*

Pour out your spirit on all now assembled before you.  
May our diversity here be a means to adore you.  
Women and men, young, old and youthful again,  
make us as one we implore you.

Grant to us insight, O God, for this time of decision.  
May we dream challenging dreams of both depth and precision.  
Speak through the dark. Dispel by lighting's bright spark,  
whatever clouds dim our vision.

### ↑ Sharing the Peace

Rev. Álvaro Durán

*During the Peace, **children (4th grade and younger)** and **youth (5th-8th grade)** are invited to attend our faith formation programs in the Christian Education Building by exiting out the back door of the Sanctuary with our adult program leaders. Parents/guardians are welcome to accompany kids to help them get settled. Children and youth are most welcome to remain in the service if they would prefer. Activity baskets with goodies for our younger kiddos can be found in the entry hall (Narthex) at the Kids Table. We're glad you're here! After worship, kids can be picked up in their program room or Kloss Hall at Coffee Hour.*

### Invitation to Offering

El Concilio of San Mateo County

Rev. Álvaro Durán

"Originally founded to address economic development, education, health, manpower, youth, and cultural affairs, it has continued to evolve and address the needs of the community. For example, El Concilio's history of health equity advocacy begins with Nuestro Canto de Salud (Our Song of Health), a watershed health coalition formed to provide essential community health outreach and education. To learn more, visit [el-concilio.org](http://el-concilio.org)

#### **Give to CCSM with ease!**

- **Church Center App:** Download the new Church Center App, tap the "Give" icon at the bottom of the homescreen, add your amount, tap next and select "Plate."
- **Text Giving: Text 73256** with "CCSM Plate \$\_\_" (e.g., "CCSM Plate \$25"). You'll receive a confirmation text after your first gift, which requires entering your payment information (a one-time, 2 minute step).
- **Offering Plate:** Place your cash or check in the offering plate. For checks, note on the memo line where you'd like the funds directed.
- **Online Giving:** Visit CCSM's [ccsm-ucc.org/give/](http://ccsm-ucc.org/give/) and click the blue "Give" button.
- **Mail:** Send a check to the church office. (225 Tilton Ave, San Mateo, CA 94401)

***In addition to our plate offering, we gratefully accept gifts to our General Fund at any time.***

### Offertory

*God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"*

#531\*

*\*If you like, please join the Chancel Choir by following along in your hymnal.*

Chancel Choir

## Scripture Reading

John 6:1-14

Chris Wuthmann

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

## Sermon

**"Feeding 5,000"**

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

## Special Music

*Dream God's Dream*  
Bryan Sirchio

Chancel Choir

## Congregational Prayer

Rev. Álvaro Durán

### In Unison\*

*\*This beloved prayer, often referred to as the "Lord's Prayer," has been adapted and translated countless times over the centuries. While we've provided two options below, we encourage you to use any version that resonates with you.*

Our Creator, Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre, venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

## ↑Closing Hymn

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'm gonna live so God can use me,  
any time and anywhere. (2x)

I'm gonna work so God can use me,  
any time and anywhere. (2x)

I'm gonna sing so God can use me,  
any time and anywhere. (2x)

## Benediction

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

## Postlude

*Pipings*  
Southbridge

Don Harper

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## Special Thanks to:

Our Liturgical Arts volunteer, Kay Harris  
Our musicians leading worship, Don Harper and the CCSM Chancel Choir

# Joys and Concerns

*Each week, the pastoral care team gives prayerful attention to the congregation's joys and concerns. Many of these come with a request to hold the contents in confidence; therefore they are not published below. The wonderful thing about prayer is one doesn't need a specific reason in order to lift another in the light of love and care. Join us in holding the named and unnamed in God's light and love. Prayers will be listed below for two weeks, unless otherwise requested.*

## Recent Prayer Requests

**A Celebration of Life** service for **Bill Daniels** will be held this **Saturday, September 20 at 11am**, with a reception to follow in Kloss Hall. Please hold **Annette** in your prayers as Saturday approaches.

**Sue Bullis** requests prayers for continued healing for the shoulder injury she sustained in a fall. Also, the 15 years anniversary of the explosion and loss of her husband, son and mother-in-law was on 9-9-2025. Sue needs our prayers for strength and continued guidance on her faith journey.

**Don Ruthroff and Jonathan Kronn** request prayers for their brother-in-law, **Carl Middleton**, who is facing surgery for an abdominal aneurysm. Also for **Jim Aickerson**, who is undergoing treatment for tonsil cancer.

We hold in prayer **Melanie Dresbach**, who was recently diagnosed with uterine cancer. Surgery is scheduled for October 1 and she asks for our prayers in this process.

### Ongoing prayer requests:

Continuing prayers for our beloved siblings: **Paul Nieberding; Heather Morgan; Sanjana**, friend of Susan & Warren Long; **Sophie Grace**, Carol Henton's grand niece; **Mike and Lee Mullery's nephew, Wally; Bob Plaisted**, friend of Angela Kraft Cross; **Lynn and Paul Nieberding; John**, Sharon Tobin's son; **Renato Floresca; Lynne and Peter**, friends of Lynn Nieberding; Chona Tendero's friend, **Feljohn Rancap; Aprille Espinuevas**, friend of Robert and Johann Leung; **Lani Leydig; Cheryl Granucci**; Allison Rock and Chris Wuthmann's friend, **Karen; Veril Phillips and Bev Knowlton; Mike and Lee Mullery; George Vail; Dottie Scott**; Don and Jonathan's brother, **Chuck Ruthroff; Caroline Reinke**.

## Bulletin Board

*If you wish to have an announcement added to the "Bulletin Board," please email Chase at [cmontara@ccsm-ucc.org](mailto:cmontara@ccsm-ucc.org)*

**ANGELA'S LOVE OFFERING.** After **32 years** of music and ministry at CCSM, **Angela Kraft Cross** has stepped down from her role as Senior Organist/Artist-in-Residence. At her request we won't hold a public celebration, but we invite you to share a gift of gratitude through a personal **Love Offering**. **Scan the QR code** to contribute, or leave a gift **clearly labeled "Angela Love Offering"** with the church office.



**SUNDAY EVENINGS TOGETHER: Kids, Youth & Community • Begins TODAY •** Join us for a new rhythm of learning, connection, and fun! This new evening program is in addition to our Sunday morning offerings- join us for one, or both!

- **Faith Formation (4-5pm):** Separate groups for elementary and middle/high school with age-appropriate lessons, activities, and discussion.
- **Light Supper (5-5:30pm):** Share a simple meal and connect across ages.
- **Youth Group (5:30-6:30pm):** For middle & high school students- Games, service, laughter, and real conversations—a place to belong and grow.
- **Kids Club (5:30-6:30pm):** A fellowship space for elementary-age kids during Youth Group, with games and activities (*Kids Club Begins September 21*)

**CHURCH CENTER ZOOM TRAINING: Monday, September 15 at 7:15 pm**, Veril Phillips will be holding a training session on ZOOM for remote users. Please see the Facebook chat on Sunday 9/14 for link or contact Veril Phillips at [veril.phillips@gmail.com](mailto:veril.phillips@gmail.com).

**CALL FOR LEADERSHIP NOMINATIONS:** The Leadership & Governance Committee invites you to prayerfully consider who among us has the gifts and spirit to serve in leadership for the coming year. Open roles include Board of Directors (Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Secretary, ), Ministry Leads (Liturgical Arts, Congregational Care, Service & Justice), and Committee Chairs (Stewardship, Building & Grounds).



Nominations may be submitted online (scan the QR code), by email to Frank Garritano ([fgarritano@gmail.com](mailto:fgarritano@gmail.com)), or the Nomination form on the Welcome Table  
**Submission Deadline: Monday, October 6 at 5pm.**

**Welcome back Music and Art!** The Music and Art group will be returning for their first monthly meeting of the new season on **Friday, September 19 at 12:00 noon**. All are welcome! As always, please bring your own lunch. Enjoy the dessert provided. Contact Carole Melis at [clmcomm1@gmail.com](mailto:clmcomm1@gmail.com) or Susan Stoddard at [stoddardphillips@gmail.com](mailto:stoddardphillips@gmail.com) for more information.

**JOIN OUR MINISTRY OF SERVICE AND JUSTICE!** At CCSM we believe we are all called to the work of service and justice, but to help organize, support, and connect our shared efforts, we need a core team of leaders. **Would you like to be part of this ministry?** Your passion and gifts can make a real difference in how we show up for our neighbors and live into our call to be peacemakers and justice seekers. **To learn more or get involved, reach out to our MSJ lead, Katherine Vega Stultz, [vegastultz@yahoo.com](mailto:vegastultz@yahoo.com)**

**SEEDS OF GRATITUDE TABLE, Sundays After Church • Kloss Hall •** The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to stop by and write a note of gratitude to someone who's made a difference in your life.

## Calendar

visit [CCSM-UCC.ORG/EVENTS](https://ccsm-ucc.org/events) for the full calendar of events and meetings

Below is a snapshot of this week's events, meetings, and activities. For more information—or to add something to the calendar—please reach out to the event host or contact Chase Montara at [cmontara@ccsm-ucc.org](mailto:cmontara@ccsm-ucc.org)

### Sunday, September 14

10:30 - 11:30 AM      **Worship Service** in person and online (FB and YouTube)  
10:45 - 11:30 AM      **Youth & Children's Programs**, CE Building  
11:30 AM              **Coffee Hour with CHURCH CENTER technical support-** Kloss Hall  
4:00 - 6:30PM        **\*\*NEW\*\* Sunday Evenings Together: Children & Youth Program-** Kloss Hall

### Monday, September 15

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM      **Women at the Well Women's Group**, Fireplace Room  
4:00 - 6:00 PM            **Samaritan House Meal Service today**  
7:15-8:30 PM              **CHURCH CENTER training for remote users** – ZOOM, contact veril.phillips@gmail.com

### Tuesday, September 16

10:00 - 11:30 AM        **Men's Coffee Group**, Food Court, Hillsdale Mall (Contact Peter Held, [paheld1417@gmail.com](mailto:paheld1417@gmail.com))  
4:00 - 6:00 PM            **Samaritan House Meal Service**, Kloss Hall

### Wednesday, September 17

4:00 - 6:00 PM            **Samaritan House Meal Service**, Kloss Hall  
7:15 - 8:45 PM            **Bilingual Worship Service**, Kloss Hall

### Thursday, September 18

9:00 - 11:00 AM        **Casual Bike Riders**, CCSM Parking Lot; contact John Ebnetter, [jebnetter@aol.com](mailto:jebnetter@aol.com)  
10:15 - 11:30 AM        **Women's Coffee Group**, Food Court, Hillsdale Mall; contact [linda.skromme@gmail.com](mailto:linda.skromme@gmail.com)  
4:00 - 6:00 PM            **Samaritan House Meal Service**, Kloss Hall

### Friday, September 19

4:00 - 6:00 PM            **Samaritan House Meal Service**, Kloss Hall  
12:00-1:30PM            **Music and Art Monthly Gathering-** Buckham Room

### Saturday, September 20

8:30 - 10:30 AM        **CC Riders Weekly Bike Ride** (contact Peter Held, [paheld1417@gmail.com](mailto:paheld1417@gmail.com))  
11:00- 1:00 PM            **Bill Daniels Memorial Service and reception-** Sanctuary and Kloss Hall



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## Our Guiding Principles:

**We are a Spiritual Community**

**We are Christian**

**We are God's Hands, Feet and Face**

**We are Inclusive**

**We are Open Minded**

**We are Evolving**



We are a certified  
Cool Congregation  
of  
Interfaith  
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