



Congregational Church
of San Mateo
Iglesia Congregacional de San Mateo

Sunday, October 5, 2025
World Communion Sunday
Annual Giving Season

DREAMING GOD'S DREAM

No gift too small, no dream too big.

*"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. **Simply scan the QR code and fill out the form!**

Prelude

Choral
C. Franck

Don Harper

Welcome

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

↑ Call to Worship

Phil Lind

Leader: Come, beloved community, from every place and generation.

All: We come to the Welcome Table, where all belong.

Leader: The faith of our parents and grandparents, our mentors and teachers, has been entrusted to us.

All: We gather once again to receive and share this great gift of love.

Leader: Today we join with siblings around the world to break bread and share the cup, a practice of unity that makes us one.

All: One body, one Spirit, one hope: for everyone born, a place at the table.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Living God!

↑ Opening Song

For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table

Shirley Erna Murray, Brian Mann

For everyone born a place at the table
For everyone born clean water and bread
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing
For everyone born a star overhead **Refrain**

Refrain: And God will delight when we are creators
Of justice and joy compassion and peace
Yes God will delight when we are creators
Of justice, justice and joy

For young and for old a place at the table
A voice to be heard, a part in the song
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled
For young and for old, the right to belong **Refrain**

For everyone born a place at the table
To live without fear and simply to be
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship
For everyone born the right to be free **Refrain**

↑ 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

Neighbors in Need

Eric Chaney

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry. Two-thirds of this offering supports the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (which includes advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants). These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice.

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."
- **Scan the QR code** to make a gift to the plate offering or the General Fund.
- **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/ 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

Many Gifts, One Spirit
Allen Pote

CCSM Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Phil Lind

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child: May grace, mercy and peace from God the Creator and from Christ Jesus our Savior be with you.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Reflection

"A Table Passed Down"

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

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.

Special Music

I'm Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table

Joyful Noise

Invitation to Communion

Revs. Jessica Vacketta & Álvaro Durán

ALL, and we really mean all, are welcome to share in the celebration of communion. Please join us in coming forward down the center aisle to receive bread (gluten-free available) and juice. For those unable to come forward, communion will be brought to you. Kindly dispose of empty cups in the small bins at the end of the first pew as you return to your seat (we recycle the cups)

TODAS LAS PERSONAS son bienvenidas a compartir de la celebración de la comunión. Por favor, acérquese por el pasillo central para recibir pan (disponible sin gluten) y jugo. Si no puede pasar al frente, la comunión le será traída a usted. Amablemente disponga las copas vacías en los cestos para basura al costado de cada banca en la primera línea al regresar a su asiento (reciclamos vasos)

Communion Meditation

Eat This Bread - Berthier
One Bread, One Body - Foley

Chancel Choir

An Invitation to Generosity

Martha Bronitsky

Join us in Dreaming God's Dream! Make your Estimate of Giving pledge today and help invest in CCSM's ministry and mission. **Scan the QR code or fill out a pledge card** (found in your pew or at the Welcome Table in the Narthex). *Cards may be returned to an usher or the CCSM office (Attn: Cheryle Matteo)*



↑Closing Hymn

Dream God's Dream

Written as a theme song for the Illinois South Conference Senior High Youth
Retreat on Martin Luther King Jr.'s Holiday weekend, 1992

Words and Music by:
Bryan Sirchio

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D Cadd2 GaddD D Cadd2 GaddD D Em7

Chorus: Dream God's Dream! Ho - ly

7 D/F# G B m7 F#m7

Spir - it help us dream of a world where there is jus - tice and where

11 G Em7 A A/G D/F# G B m7 A

ev' - ry one is free to build and grow and love, and to sim - ply have e -

16 G D/F# Em7 Asus A7 D Cadd2 GaddD D

nough the world will change, when we dream God's Dream.

22 Cadd2 GaddD D Cadd2 G D

1.I'm dream-ing of a world, where the col - or of one's skin will mean
2.I'm dream-ing of the call God is of - fer ing to me how to
3.I'm dream-ing of the way that I want my life to go. I've got

27 Cadd2 Em7 D Cadd2 GaddD D

less than what's with - in the per - son's heart. A world where wa - ter's
use my en - er - gy and my best gifts; to do the work of
hopes and I've got goals I'd like to meet. I'm reach - ing for the

32 Cadd2 G D Em7

clean and where air is safe to breathe. And ev' - ry chi - ld
Christ to say God please use my life to spread Your heal - ing
stars, but I won't for - get the scars of Christ who died to

36 D/F# Em7 G Asus D Cadd2 GaddD D Cadd2 GaddD D

D.S. al Coda

born has e - nough to eat... dream.
love and to live Your Truth...
show that the Dream's for all...

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Special Thanks to those helping with today's service:

Our Liturgical Arts volunteers: Laura Pierce-McKenzie and Megan Goulden

Our Coffee Hour Hosts: Judi Powell and Susan Campo

Our musicians leading worship: Don Harper, Joyful Noise, 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

Sharon Tobin asks us to pray for her college friend, **Maisie Moses**, who is critically ill with cancer and heart failure in the ICU.

Prayers of thanksgiving for a wonderful 98th birthday for **Martha Pierce** (Laura's Mom)

There will be a memorial service celebrating the life of **Dorothy Gorman** on Saturday, October 11 at 10:00 am in the Buckham Room. Contact Betsy Woodward for more information: betsdce@comcast.net

We surround in prayer **Peter Bayley and family** following the sudden death of his mother, **Sally Bayley**. Peter is in the UK making arrangements for her service.

John and Ann Fyfe are happy to share the news that another grandchild has joined their family. **Eloise Anne Harbison** was born to daughter Alison Fyfe, and Bill Harbison, on July 9. Eloise joins her brother Jack.

Please hold **Melanie Dresbach** in your prayers as she recovers from a surgery on October 1.

Please hold **Dave Olson** in your prayers as he begins treatment following the return of prostate cancer. Doctor's reports are encouraging.

News has reached us of the passing of longtime CCSM member -- **Cliff Donley** in May who attended for many years with his wife Patricia (Pat). A memorial service for Cliff is set for October 18 at their home in San Mateo.

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

Ongoing prayer requests:

Continuing prayers for our beloved siblings: **Paul Nieberding; Heather Morgan; Sanjana**, friend of Susan & Warren Long; **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 Tenderso'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

THE VILLAGE POP-UP BAR AND CONVERSATION CENTER will be open for business again on **Thursday, October 9th**, from **7:00pm to 8:30pm**. We'll gather in the Fireplace Room, hang out, share some refreshments, talk, think, and laugh. This month will feature conversation prompts and small group discussions. We encourage you to invite a friend to join us, too!

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 (2 positions), Council of Ministries Lead, Ministry Leads (Liturgical Arts, Congregational Care, Music), and Committee Chairs (Stewardship, Building & Grounds).



Nominations may be submitted online (scan the QR code) or by email to Frank Garritano (fgarritano@gmail.com).

Submission Deadline: Monday, October 6 at 5pm.

SECOND HOUR WITH DR. MUSIMBI KANYORO on Sunday, October 12 at 12pm. Join us for a special Second Hour conversation with Dr. Musimbi Kanyoro, a global leader in philanthropy, women's rights, and international development, and a good friend of Warren and Susan Long. Dr. Kanyoro is the former President and CEO of the Global Fund for Women and has been recognized worldwide for her advocacy in health, education, and human rights.

SIGN UP TO CO-HOST HAPPY COFFEE HOUR: Thank you to our Happy Coffee Hour hosts for strengthening our CCSM community! We still need 12 hosts for the 2025 schedule on: October 26 (2); Nov 16 (1), 23 (1), 30 (20); and Dec 7 (1), 21 (2), 28 (2). Please sign up by emailing Melodie Lew (boygie.m2000@yahoo.com).

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT, Saturday, October 25 from 6-8pm. Mark your calendar for the next Parents' Night Out! This is a great opportunity to relax, enjoy great food, and get to know other families - without having to keep an eye on your kiddos!

- **Hosts:** John Ebneter & Teresa Gebler (providing the main dish)

- **Bring:** A side dish or dessert to share
- **Childcare:** Available at CCSM from 5:30 - 8:30pm
- **RSVP** to jessica@ccsm-ucc.org with how many will attend, and **let us know if you'll need childcare.**

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.



Order your tickets for the **42nd Chocolate Fest** hosted by the Congregational Church of the Peninsula on **Saturday, October 18**, 1 - 4pm and 5 - 8pm. An abundance of chocolate confections for tasting from 20 local chocolatiers - Live jazz - Champagne - Silent Auction - Prizes - A benefit for San Mateo County Health Foundation! Select your 3-hr tasting session when you order your tickets using the QR code.

Calendar

visit 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

Sunday, October 5

9:45 - 10:15 AM
10:30 - 11:30 AM
10:45 - 11:30 AM
11:30 - 12:30 PM
4:00 - 6:30 PM

World Communion Sunday

Joyful Noise Children's Choir, Fireplace Room; contact Julie Berk, teacherjulie7@gmail.com

Worship Service in person and online (FB and YouTube)

Children and Youth Faith Formation, CE Building

Coffee Hour, Kloss Hall

Sunday Evenings Together: Children & Youth Gatherings, Kloss Hall & CE Building

Monday, October 6

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Samaritan House Meal Service

Tuesday, October 7

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Men's Coffee Group, ****new location****, Fireplace Room; contact Peter Held,

paheld1417@gmail.com

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Samaritan House Meal Service, Kloss Hall

Wednesday, October 8

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Samaritan House Meal Service, Kloss Hall

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

7:15 - 8:45 PM

Bilingual Worship Service, Kloss Hall

Thursday, October 9

9:00 - 11:00 AM

Casual Bike Riders, CCSM Parking Lot; contact John Ebner, jebner@aol.com

10:15 - 11:30 AM

Women's Coffee Group, Fireplace Room; contact linda.skromme@gmail.com

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Samaritan House Meal Service, Kloss Hall

7:00 - 8:30 PM

The Village Pop-Up Bar and Conversation, Fireplace Room; contact Dave Olson

dave.olson17@comcast.net

Friday, October 10

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Samaritan House Meal Service, Kloss Hall

Saturday, October 11

8:30 - 10:30 AM

CC Riders Weekly Bike Ride; contact Peter Held, paheld1417@gmail.com

10:00 - 12:00 PM

Dorothy Gorman Memorial; Buckham Room, contact Betsy Woodward: betsdce@comcast.net

Sunday, October 12

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11:30 - 12:30 PM
12:00 - 1:00 PM
4:00 - 6:30 PM

Joyful Noise Children's Choir, Fireplace Room; contact Julie Berk, teacherjulie7@gmail.com
Worship Service in person and online (FB and YouTube)
Youth & Children's Programs, CE Building
Coffee Hour, Kloss Hall
Second Hour - Dr. Musimbi Kanyoro, Buckham Room
Sunday Evenings Together: Children & Youth Program, Kloss Hall & CE Building



For Staff, CCSM Board, and Ministries leads, go to ccsm-ucc.org/welcome/#staff or scan the QR code. To contact your CCSM Board, email Board@ccsm-ucc.org. To contact anyone in the Council of Ministries, email COM@ccsm-ucc.org. To contact the church office, email cmontara@ccsm-ucc.org

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Our Guiding Principles:

We are a Spiritual Community

We are Christian

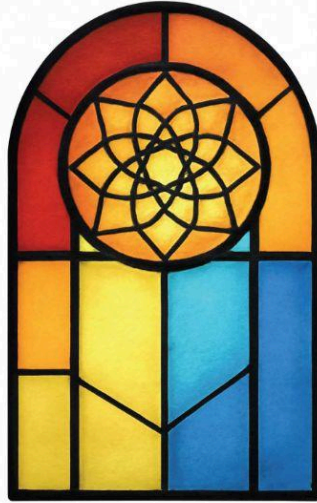
We are God's Hands, Feet and Face

We are Inclusive

We are Open Minded

We are Evolving





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Why Pledge

WHY DO WE MAKE A COMMITMENT OF SUPPORT TO CHURCH?

We can give to our congregation without turning in a commitment card. So, why write down our intention for the coming year? Of course, telling the church about our intention helps leaders plan. But we ask you to write down your intentions for another reason.

Jesus told us to love God with our heart, mind, soul, and strength; and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

A commitment card can engage us in all those ways as we express our love of God and neighbor.

Heart: we feel the love and support of people in the congregation. This is the place where we belong.

Mind: we think about our resources, both our income and our accumulated assets when deciding on what commitment to make in the coming year.

Soul: we experience the hope that comes from making a commitment to the future. A commitment card symbolizes our confidence in God's future and makes us part of helping that future come about.

Strength: we do what we can to help support our community.

We ask you to return a commitment card because it connects you to the mission and ministry of our congregation to our neighbors, near and far. Returning your commitment card affirms with all of your being that you are part of our response to God's dream.

CONSIDER YOUR PLEDGE AS A PERCENT OF YOUR MONTHLY INCOME.

Annual Income	Monthly Income	2%	3%	4%	5%	10%
20,000	1,667	33	50	67	83	167
25,000	2,083	42	63	83	104	208
30,000	2,500	50	75	100	125	250
35,000	2,917	58	88	117	146	292
40,000	3,333	67	100	133	167	333
45,000	3,750	75	113	150	188	375
50,000	4,167	83	125	167	208	417
60,000	5,000	100	150	200	250	500
75,000	6,250	125	188	250	313	625
100,000	8,333	167	250	333	417	833
125,000	10,417	208	313	417	521	1042
150,000	12,500	250	375	500	625	1250
200,000	16,667	333	500	667	833	1667

On average, Americans give 2% of their income to charity.
Giving even 1% more of annual income to charity would be transformative for our congregation and other organizations doing good in our community.



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