



**Congregational Church
of San Mateo**
Iglesia Congregacional de San Mateo

Sunday, October 19, 2025
19th Sunday After Pentecost

*"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

Susan Bell

Welcome

Rev. Álvaro Durán

↑ Call to Worship

Holly Allen

Leader: Come, people of God, who seek to live out their beliefs amidst a world of unrest.

All: We gather to remember the sacred stories and spiritual teachings that ground us.

Leader: When the world insists on false promises and twisted words that seek to divide and exclude.

All: The Spirit calls us to stand firm in truth and love.

Leader: Let us worship our loving God who calls us to be faithful witnesses.

All: We celebrate sharing compassion and justice in all that we do.

↑ Opening Song

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

#4

Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, God of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the storms of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays,
Stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting birds and flowing fountains, teach us what our praise should be.

You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Loving Spirit, Father, Mother, all who love belong to you;
Teach us how to love each other, by that love our joy renews.

Baptism of Joseph Albert Rotchadl

Rev. Álvaro Durán

*Son of Chelsea Meyers and Andy Rotchadl
Little brother of Ruth and Leland*

Special Music

Take This Child's Hand, Oh Lord

Chancel Choir

↑ 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.*

Special Music

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Chancel Choir

Invitation to Offering

General Budget

Lauri Floresca

As we gather our gifts today, we remember that CCSM is more than a church building — it is a spiritual hub, a place of welcome and grounding for our members, neighbors, and guests. Your gifts to the General Fund strengthen the foundation of all we do: worship, care, justice, and hospitality. Thank you for helping make this a true home for all.

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

Susan Bell

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 NRSVUE

Holly Allen

“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.”

Sermon

“Preach, Sister, Preach!”

Rev. Álvaro Durán

Congregational Prayer

Rev. Valerie McEntee

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

Great Is Your Faithfulness

#423

Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator,
with you no shadow of turning we see.
You do not change, your compassions they fail not;
all of your goodness forever will be.

Refrain:

Great is your faithfulness!
Great is your faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed your hand has provided,
Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
to your great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Refrain**

↑ Benediction

Rev. Álvaro Durán

Postlude

Susan & Stephen Bell

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Oscar is away beginning October 16 through October 25.

Special Thanks to those helping with today's service:

Our Liturgical Arts volunteers: Pam Ridlehuber

Our Coffee Hour Hosts: Latino Ministry and the Women's Circles for Justice Participants

Our musicians leading worship: Don Harper, Susan Bell, and the Chancel Choir



Join us in Dreaming God's Dream! Make your Estimate of Giving pledge today and help invest in CCSM's ministry and mission. We have 38 households/individuals who have pledged so far, totaling \$189,140. **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)*



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 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:

Send along your prayers with our beloved custodian, **Oscar Rosa and his son Moises**, as they travel to El Salvador from 10/16 to 10/25.

Pam Ridlehuber let us know there will be a memorial service for **Gary Baker** on Friday, October 24 at 12:00 pm at Skylawn. Gary and his wife, **Mary Lynn Baker**, were previously active in the life of CCSM.

Nadia Hernández requests prayers for her father, **Joaquín**, who has recently had brain surgery.

Genel Morgan is asking for prayers for a family member **Lindsay** who is going through tests to determine treatment for an abdominal tumor. Please keep her and her family in our prayers for a positive outcome.

Sharon Tobin offers us an update about her college friend, **Maisie Moses**: "After a nearly miraculous course in the hospital, she is now at home recovering. She is frail, but gaining strength every day. We are convinced that the outpouring of prayers played a huge part in this unexpected course. Please keep your prayers coming--God is good!"

Melanie Dresbach appreciates all of your prayers following her recent surgery. She is home, recovering well, and the pathology reports are excellent. No need for further treatment!

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; 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

**** Please note that the church and main office will be closed on Monday October 20 ****

Second Hour TODAY: Hear a presentation by **Mission Hospice**, who will focus on their offerings and available grief support. Join us to begin preliminary talks about how we as a church community can better support our members through times of grief. This is part of a series of talks on end of life issues that we hope to offer throughout the year. Contact Betty Till for more information bettytill@comcast.net.

Burlingame Music Club meets Monday, October 20, 2025 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in Kloss Hall. All are welcome to share hors d'oeuvres and cake, browse and bid on Silent Auction items and enjoy a performance from our featured professional Artists: Janet Weinstein, piano and Rebecca Tout d'Alessio, clarinet, playing selections from Brahms and Babin.

Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom will be on Tuesday, October 21 from 6:30 - 8pm. All are welcome to attend. Please join the meeting via zoom <https://tinyurl.com/my84pyc5>. Email Don Ruthroff, our Board Moderator, for more information DRuthroff@gmail.com.

Parent's 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 Ebnetter & 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 kim@ccsm-ucc.org with how many will attend, and **let us know if you'll need childcare.**

All Saints Day & Dia de los Muertos. Our Latino Ministry will host a special **Día de los Muertos** worship service on Wednesday, October 29, where we come together to create our communal remembrance altar. Please bring photographs, commemorative objects and offerings of bread and fruit. This sacred time remembering will be celebrated in a special **All Saints Day** Sunday morning service on November 2. We also invite you to send in names of your loved ones to be remembered at our All Saints service. Please send those names to kim@ccsm-ucc.org by Tuesday, October 28.

CCSM & YOU: New Member Lunch, Sunday, November 9, 12:00–2:00 pm • Whether you're new to CCSM or have been around a while, come learn more about our church, explore ways to get involved, and explore why membership might be the right step for you. No pressure, just connection and conversation! Contact Alison Schwandt to learn more or RSVP, alisonschwandt@gmail.com —we'd love to welcome you more fully into the life of our church!

Sign up to Co-Host Happy Coffee Hour: Thank you to our Happy Coffee Hour hosts for strengthening our CCSM community! We still need 7 hosts for the 2025 schedule on: November 23 (1), 30 (2) and Dec 21 (2), 28 (2). Please sign up by emailing Melodie Lew (boygie.m2000@yahoo.com).

Support Sunday Youth Faith Formation: Join us to co-lead youth group, participate in exciting children's activities, or lend a hand preparing a light meal on Sunday evening (every Sunday 4 - 6:30pm). If you're interested in volunteering, please email Kibbie Ruth (kibbie@kyros.org) or Rev. Álvaro (alvaro@ccsm-ucc.org).

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

Sunday, October 19

9:45 - 10:15 AM
10:30 - 11:30 AM
10:45 - 11:30 AM
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)
Children and Youth Faith Formation, CE Building
Coffee Hour, Kloss Hall
Second Hour- Mission Hospice, Buckham Room
Sunday Evenings Together: Children & Youth Gatherings, Kloss Hall & CE Building

Monday, October 20

1:00- 3:00 PM
4:00 - 6:00 PM

Church and Main Office closed today
Burlingame Music Club, Kloss Hall
Samaritan House Meal Service

Tuesday, October 21

10:00 - 11:00 AM
4:00 - 6:00 PM
6:30 - 8:00 PM

Men's Coffee Group, Fireplace Room; contact Peter Held, paheld1417@gmail.com
Samaritan House Meal Service, Kloss Hall
Board of Directors Meeting – ZOOM <https://tinyurl.com/my84pyc5>

Wednesday, October 22

4:00 - 6:00 PM
7:00 - 8:30 PM
7:15 - 8:45 PM

Samaritan House Meal Service, Kloss Hall
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Bilingual Worship Service, Kloss Hall

Thursday, October 23

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

Casual Bike Riders, CCSM Parking Lot; contact John Ebnetter, jebnetter@aol.com
Women's Coffee Group, Fireplace Room; contact linda.skromme@gmail.com
NO Samaritan House Meal Service today

Friday, October 24

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Samaritan House Meal Service, Kloss Hall

Saturday, October 25

8:30 - 10:30 AM

6:00 - 8:00 PM

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

Parents Night Out, see Bulletin Board section for more information

Sunday, October 26

9:45 - 10:15 AM

10:30 - 11:30 AM

10:30 - 11:30 PM

10:45 - 11:30 AM

11:30 - 12:30 PM

11:30 - 12:15 PM

12:00 - 2:15 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)

60 Minutes Discussion Group, High Schoolers, Fireplace Room

Youth & Children's Programs, CE Building

Coffee Hour, Kloss Hall

Open Cathedral Sandwich Making, Kloss Kitchen

Innovation Lab Team Meeting, Community Room CE Building

Sunday Evenings Together: Children & Youth Program, CE Building



For Staff, CCSM Board, and Ministries leads, go to ccsm-ucc.org/welcome/#staff or scan

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



We are a certified
Cool Congregation
of
Interfaith
Power & Light



DREAMING GOD'S DREAM

No gift too small, no dream too big.

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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