

"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!**

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Prelude

"Allemande" J.S.Bach

Liam Young Skeen, viola

Welcome

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

Moment for Creation Care

Environmental Justice Ministry

↑ Call to Worship

Carol Henton

Leader: Come and see the One who lifts what enslaves, who rolls away fear, who loosens the grip of all that diminishes life.

All: We come, ready to follow.

Leader: Come and see God revealed in flesh and breath, in neighbor and stranger, in earth and sky.

All: We come, trusting that love is already at work.

Leader: This is holy ground. This is sacred time.

All: Let us worship the God who reaches out in love and invites us to come and see!

For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

Refrain: God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light. **Refrain**

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild. **Refrain.**

For the good that love inspires, for a world where none exclude,
For a faith that never tires, and for every heart renewed. **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. After worship, kids can be picked up in their program room or Kloss Hall at Coffee Hour. We're glad you're here!*

Centering Song

"Improvisations"

Liam Young Skeen, piano

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.

The Peninsula Multifaith Coalition was founded in 2012 as a volunteer-led group of faith organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area who work together on projects to improve our community. The Coalition holds meetings monthly and plans several family-friendly events during the year. Member organizations include: Mormon, Jewish, Catholic, Episcopal, Presbyterian and Lutheran. CCSM is one of the founding members. Individuals can join as well. Contact info@peninsulamultifaith.org for more information or to volunteer.

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- **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 *"Corde natus ex parentis," (Of the Parent's Heart Begotten)* A. C. Prudentius
Chancel Choir with Ondine and Liam Young Skeen

Scripture

John 1:29-42

Carol Henton

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

↑ **Closing Hymn**

For the Healing of the Nations

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For the healing of the nations, God we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator, God, have written your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

↑ **Benediction**

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

↑ **Choral Response***

"Amen" Chancel Choir

**Please remain standing for the choral response*

Postlude

"Improvisations"

Liam Young Skeen, organ

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Special thanks to those helping with today's service:

Our Liturgical Arts volunteers: Alice Morison and Annette Daniels

Our Coffee Hour Hosts: Alison Schwandt & Linda Skromme

Our musicians leading worship: Dr. Ondine Young, Liam Young Skeen; Chancel Choir.

Musicians may contact ondine@ccsm-ucc.org to join the music ministry;

Handbell choir resumes 2/22 (Lent, in preparation for Easter).

With Gratitude: Hospitality Helpers Special thanks to the following people who jumped in on short notice to provide delicious cookies for our Annual Meeting: **Gail Held, Diane Kalliam, Genel Morgan, Judi Powell, and Sharon Tobin.** We are so grateful for your willingness to step in and serve our community whenever needed!

Joys and Concerns

Prayer connects us in love and care, whether we have specific requests or simply wish to hold someone in God's light. Each week, our pastoral care team holds our congregation's joys and concerns in prayer. To share a request, fill out a connect card in the pew and place it in our offering plate, give it to a minister, or visit ccsm-ucc.org. Prayers will be listed below for two weeks, unless otherwise requested.

Recent Prayer Requests:

Candace Nagare requests prayers for her friend **Sheila Young and her family** who lost her 20 year old grandson on New Year's Eve. His name is **Bradley Morse**.

Prayers for all those participating in MLK Day of service- thank you for sharing your time and caring for our community.

Tony Gallo offers prayers of thanks that his brother **Enzo** starts 2026 with a report that he is cancer free after one year, and his heart is stable.

Please hold **Sue Bullis** in your prayers. Her shoulder surgery was postponed as she recovers from pneumonia.

Ongoing prayer requests: **Lindsay**, family member of Genel Morgan; **Peter Pierson; Heather Morgan; Larry Anderson**, friend of Frank Garritano; **Joaquín**, Nadia Hernández father; **Sanjana**, friend of Susan & Warren Long; **Mike and Lee Mullery's nephew, Wally; 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; Caroline Reinke**.

Bulletin Board

If you wish to have an announcement added to the "Bulletin Board," please email Kim Rey at kim@ccsm-ucc.org

Board of Directors Meeting, Tuesday, January 20, 6:30-8pm • Zoom • All are welcome to attend the next Board of Directors meeting on Zoom at tinyurl.com/45f6pseu. Email [Frank Garritano](mailto:Frank.Garritano@gmail.com) fgarritano@gmail.com, our Board Moderator, for more information.

New Beginnings Housing Project Second Hour, January 25, 12 - 1pm in the Buckham Room: Join Rev. Dr. Marlyn Bussey to hear the latest on the New Beginnings Housing Project—a project creating a small affordable multi-housing residential “village” in North Central for young adults transitioning out of the foster care system.

Slow-Read Book Club, January 26: You are invited to join a new Slow-Read Book Club focusing on books by Christian women authors, designed for deep reflection by spending three months on each selection. Our first book is *Leaving Church: A Memoir of Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor, with meetings starting on January 26 at 11AM in the Fireplace Room. Contact Siew internationalchoir@gmail.com.

Last Call for Pick-A-Vent Submissions: Don't miss your chance to host a Pick-A-Vent (formerly Pick-A-Party) and support CCSM—please sign up here (forms.gle/QsMBSPb6vcWas7h67 or clickable in Connections) or email Robert Leung (robert.leung@gmail.com) **by January 20**. We have some great activities in the works, so mark your calendars for **February 22** when the full list of events will be open for sign-ups!

Super Bowl Potluck Party, February 8, 3 - 7pm in Kloss Hall: Join us for an evening of football, food, and fun for all ages! Whether you're here for the game, the commercials, or just the company, there is a spot for you at the table. We'll provide the pizza and entertainment; we simply ask that you bring a snack or side dish to share. Come make some memories with the whole church family.

The Village Pub is Back on a New Night, Tuesday, February 10, 7 - 8:30pm in the Fireplace Room: Join us for a casual evening to connect with new and familiar faces. Come ready to chat, laugh, and simply enjoy hanging out—all are welcome!

Nourishing Our Youth: Support our youth by providing a light supper for 15 people on a Sunday evening at 5:00 PM. Whether you cook or order in, your hospitality helps turn our program into a community—sign up here! tinyurl.com/mts7jyh8

2026-27 Scholarship Applications Now Open! CCSM is proud to support our students' educational journeys. If you or a student you know (High School Senior, College, or Grad School) is active in our congregation, please apply for our 2026-27 scholarships! Applications are available now—help us spread the word to the next generation of scholars. Due April 1, 2026. Find more information on our website. ccsm-ucc.org/families/#scholarships

Join the Bell Choir: Our Bell Choir will begin rehearsal during Lent on Sunday, February 22nd. We invite you to make this a Lenten practice to play bells during Eastertide- no experience required! Talk to Ondine Young during Coffee Hour or email her at ondine@ccsm-ucc.org.



Do You Have our new Church Center app? Church Center is a user-friendly mobile app and web platform designed to help you stay connected with CCSM wherever you are. Download on Google Play or the App Store and search for the Congregational Church of San Mateo.

Calendar visit CCSM-UCC.ORG/EVENTS for the full calendar of events and meetings

Sunday, January 18

9:15 - 10:00 AM

9:45 - 10:15AM

10:30 - 11:30 AM

10:45 - 11:30 AM

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

12:00 - 2:00 PM

4:00 - 5:00 PM

5:00 - 5:30 PM

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal, Fireplace Room

Worship Service in person and online (FB and YouTube)

Children & Youth Faith Formation, Christian Education (CE) Building

Coffee Hour, Kloss Hall

Innovation Lab Team Meeting, CE Building

Children, Youth & Families (CYF) Faith Formation, CE Building

CYF Supper, CE Building

Youth Group (6-12th grade)

Monday, January 19

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Church is closed in observance of MLK Day

NO Samaritan House Meal Service today

Tuesday, January 20

10:00 - 11:00 AM

4:00 - 6:00 PM

6:30 - 8:00 PM

Men's Coffee Group, Hillsdale Mall Terrace; contact Peter Held, paheld1417@gmail.com**Samaritan House Meal Service**, Kloss Hall**Board Meeting**, ZOOM <https://tinyurl.com/45f6pseu>**Wednesday, January 21**

4:00 - 6:00 PM

7:15 - 8:45 PM

Samaritan House Meal Service, Kloss Hall**Bilingual (Spanish/English) Worship Service**, Kloss Hall**Thursday, January 22**

10:15 - 11:30 AM

4:00 - 6:00 PM

7:30 - 9:00 PM

Women's Coffee Group, Fireplace Room**Samaritan House Meal Service**, Kloss Hall**Chancel Choir Rehearsal**, sanctuary**Friday, January 23**

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Samaritan House Meal Service, Kloss Hall**Saturday, January 24**

8:30 - 10:30 AM

CC Riders Weekly Bike Ride; contact Peter Held, paheld1417@gmail.com**Sunday, January 25**

9:15 - 10:00 AM

9:45 - 10:15 AM

10:30 - 11:30 AM

10:30 - 11:30 AM

10:45 - 11:30 AM

11:30 - 12:30 PM

11:30 - 12:15 PM

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4:00 - 5:00 PM

5:00 - 5:30 PM

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary**Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal**, Fireplace Room**Worship Service** in person and online (FB and YouTube)**Sixty Minutes Discussion Group, HS**, Fireplace Room**Children & Youth Faith Formation**, CE Building**Coffee Hour**, Kloss Hall**Open Cathedral Sandwich Making**, Kloss Hall Kitchen**MSJ Meeting**, Fireplace Room**Second Hour**, New Beginnings Housing Project**CYF Faith Formation**, CE Building**CYF Supper**, CE Building**Youth Group (6-12th grade)**, CE Building

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