



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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Start With a Wedding

Inspired by the Gospel of John's celebratory beginning.

When it comes time to write my obituary for the local paper, please do not start with my résumé. Do not start with my career or my worldly accomplishments (however small they may be). Do not take up space writing about my alma mater or outlining the entire family tree (we know who we are). Instead, spend your precious little word count on how beautiful it all was. Write about the dinner parties and the fireside chats. Write about the evenings we spent on the front stoop counting fireflies. Write about summers in the mountains and the garden that we grew. Write about the seasons we cried out to God, and the prayers that God answered. Write about the nights we danced, and the days we laughed. When it comes time to tell the story of my life, please take a lesson from the Gospel of John, and start with a wedding. Start with a miracle. Start with the fact that all of it held joy.

Prelude

Improvisation

Aidan Yau

Welcome

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

↑ Call to Worship

Troy Grabow

Leader: The good news of the gospel is:

**All: manna in the desert,
 water turned into wine,
 love after loss,
 forgiveness after pain.**

Leader: The good news of the gospel is:

**All: release for the captive,
 hope for the hopeless,
 mourning turned to dancing,
 and strangers turned to friends.**

Leader: So come on in.

There's no time to waste!

This surprising good news is here for you.

All: Let us worship this good-news God.

↑ Opening Song

Morning Has Broken

Music is printed in the back of the bulletin.

Lesson for All Ages

Rev. Álvaro Durán

↑ 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!*

Prayer Meditation

Unidos en el Misterio

$\text{♩} = 108$

① Fm Cm D^b Fm

U - ni - dos en el mis - te - rio de la ho - ra.

②

U - ni - dos ya en un gran cuer - po. U - ni - dos ya en la

③

④

lu - cha triun - fa - do - ra. Es - pí - ri - tu ven.

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GATHERING CHANT

English Translation: *Gathered here in the mystery of the hour. Gathered here in one strong body. Gathered here in the struggle and the power. Spirit, draw near.*

Call to Prayer

Rev. Álvaro Durán

Prayer of Reflection and Release

Invitation to Offering

Creation Care Conference

Cheryl Schaff

Today's offering is in coalition with the local interfaith team in support of the events hosted by the Creation Care Conference Committee. The Creation Care will feature Rev. Jim Antal who is the Special Advisor on Climate Change to the President of UCC and will address why action by congregations and people of faith is needed to address the erosion of the earth's climate. CCSM will host a gathering on Sat Feb 28 from 1-4pm. Look for details in Connections to register for this event.

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

Improvisation

Aidan Yau

Scripture

John 2:1-11

Troy Grabow

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet.” So they took it. When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

Sermon

So Good, It Catches Us By Surprise

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

Sermon Response

In a Neat & Tiny Garden

Music is printed in the back of the bulletin.

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**

God Dismiss Us with Your Blessing
Music is printed in the back of the bulletin.

Benediction

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

↑ **Choral Response***

Chancel Choir

**Please remain standing for the choral response*

Postlude

Plein Jeu
J.A.Guilain

Aidan Yau

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Special thanks to those helping with today's service:

Our Liturgical Arts volunteers: Laura Pierce-McKenzie & Alexandra Gillen

Our Coffee Hour Hosts: Judi Powell & Philip Zamora

Our musicians leading worship: Dr. Ondine Young, Aidan Yau, Chancel Choir

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

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

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:

We give God thanks for the life of **Peter Pierson**, who passed peacefully in his sleep early in the morning on February 16. Peter had several visitors from CCSM in his last days, which brought him great love and joy. Please keep Peter's sister, **Susan Burns**, in your prayers at this time.

Please keep **Gavin Grech**, 23 year-old nephew of Kayoko Hori Grech, in your prayers as he recovers from open heart surgery.

Tony Gallo requests prayers for his friend, **Heinz Roboto and his wife, Susan**, as she faces brain surgery.

Genel Morgan requests prayers for **Mary Jane**, a friend of Genel and **Sharon Tobin**, who is dealing with chronic cancer health issues.

Ongoing prayer requests: Sue Bullis; Lindsay, family member of Genel Morgan; **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 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; 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

Pick-A-Vent Sign Up, TODAY! Don't miss your chance to sign up for a Pick-A-Vent (formerly Pick-A-Party) and support CCSM. The list of activities are available in the Narthex and clickable in Connections. The events are open for sign-ups!

Help make sandwiches after church TODAY, Join our all-ages assembly line on the fourth Sunday of the month to pack 100 lunches for Open Cathedral to distribute in San Francisco! Meet in the church kitchen after worship.

Lenten Materials: Pick up a Daily Devotional Card Deck or Weekly Devotional Booklet in the Narthex to ground your spiritual walk through Lent. Whether you use them for morning reflection, evening prayer, or journaling prompts, may these daily practices deepen your journey in the gospel.

Traditional Spanish Service, beginning TODAY February 22, 4 - 5pm: Join us for our Spanish-language Lenten services every Sunday afternoon at 4:00 PM, featuring translation devices for all who need them. Afterward, everyone is invited to the Fireplace Room for coffee and treats.

Sunday Faith Formation (4 - 5pm, all ages) & Youth Group (5:30 - 6:30pm, 6th-12th grades) TODAY and every Sunday: Sunday evening Faith Formation offers “Sunday school” lessons through creative activities, art, and storytelling. Supper is provided at 5pm with fun youth group activities and connection for 6th thru 12th graders.

Faith & the Climate Crisis, February 28, 1 - 4pm: Note change of venue. Join us [here](#) at CCSM for a free program featuring renowned climate advocate Rev. Jim Antal. Please sign up below to explore the moral challenge of the climate crisis through an inspiring keynote and interactive breakout groups! (<https://tinyurl.com/2ydp4nt6>)

CYF Family Bowling Night, March 14 (new date!), 4:30 - 6:30pm: Families with children and youth of all ages are invited for an evening of bowling, pizza, and arcade games (\$15/bowler)! You don't have to bowl to join the fun — we'd love to have everyone there! Sign up today on the Church Center app under Registrations to join us in a night of fun and fellowship! Or email kim@ccsm-ucc.org.

Join the Bell Choir: Our Bell Choir begins rehearsals **TODAY, 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](https://www.ccsm-ucc.org/events) for the full calendar of events and meetings

Sunday, February 22

9:15 - 10:00 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal , Sanctuary
9:45 - 10:30 AM	Pick-a-Vent Kick-off , Kloss Hall
9:45 - 10:15 AM	Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal , Fireplace Room
10:30 - 11:30 AM	Worship Service in person and online (FB and YouTube)
10:45 - 11:30 AM	Children & Youth Faith Formation , Christian Education (CE) Building
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal , Choir room
11:30 - 12:30 PM	Coffee Hour , Kloss Hall
11:30- 12:15 PM	Open Cathedral Sandwich Making , Kloss Kitchen
4:00 - 5:00 PM	Children, Youth & Families (CYF) Faith Formation , CE Building
4:00 - 5:30 PM	Servicio Tradicional Espanol , Sanctuary and Fireplace Room
5:00 - 5:30 PM	CYF Supper , CE Building
5:30 - 6:30 PM	Youth Group (6-12th grade)

Monday, February 23

11:00 - 12:30 PM	Slow-Read Book Club , Library
11:00 - 12:30 PM	Women at the Well Group , Fireplace Room
4:00 - 6:00 PM	Samaritan House Meal Service today

Tuesday, February 24

10:00 - 11:00 AM	Men's Coffee Group , Hillsdale Mall Terrace; contact Peter Held, paheld1417@gmail.com
4:00 - 6:00 PM	Samaritan House Meal Service , Kloss Hall

Wednesday, February 25

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

Bilingual (Spanish/English) Worship Service, Sanctuary

Thursday, February 26

10:15 - 11:30 AM

Women's Coffee Group, Fireplace Room

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Samaritan House Meal Service, Kloss Hall

7:30 - 9:00 PM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Friday, February 27

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Samaritan House Meal Service, Kloss Hall

Saturday, February 28

8:30 - 10:30 AM

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

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Faith and the Climate Crisis event, Sanctuary

Sunday, March 1

9:15 - 10:00 AM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

9:45 - 10:15 AM

Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal, Fireplace Room

10:30 - 11:30 AM

60 Minutes Discussion Group, Fireplace Room

10:30 - 11:30 AM

Worship Service in person and online (FB and YouTube)

10:45 - 11:30 AM

Children & Youth Faith Formation, CE Building

11:30 - 12:30 PM

Coffee Hour and Pick-a-Vent "Second Chance", Kloss Hall

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal, Choir room

4:00 - 5:00 PM

CYF Faith Formation (Childcare, Children and Youth), CE Building

4:00 - 5:30 PM

Servicio Tradicional Espanol, Sanctuary/Fireplace Room

5:00 - 5:30 PM

CYF Supper, CE Building

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Youth Group (6-12th grade), CE Building



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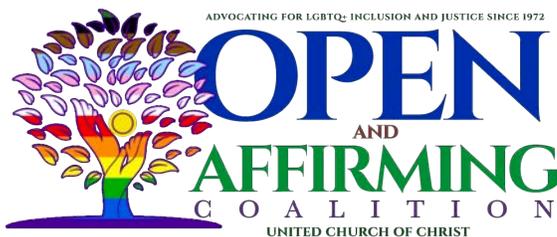
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Morning Has Broken

C Am Dm G Dm G C

1. Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing, black - bird has
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing born of the

Em Am Em F G C Am F C

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery

Am G C G Am Dm GW C

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!



First Sunday in Lent | Matthew 13:31-32

the good news is... so good it catches us by surprise

In a Neat & Tidy Garden

ALL THE WAY 8.7.8.7 D

Words: Anna Strickland (2025)

Music: Robert Lowry (1875)

In a neat and ti - dy gar - den grows a se - cret ti - ny seed
Green and ten - der leaves I har - vest from the mus - tard grow - ing wild
O - ther gar - den - ers may strug - gle and pre - tend they have con - trol

[4]

There a - mong the plan - ted bar - ley will e - merge a shock - ing weed
To en - rich and spice my dish - es that were un - til now too mild
O - ver land that God cre - a - ted but I'll tell you what I know:

[8]

Grow - ing quick - ly through the so - il to break forth in va - cant spot
Un - ex - pec - ted and sur - pris - ing, un - con - trolled by hu - man hand
I am not the Mas - ter Gar - dener, just a stew - ard of this place

[12]

What a joy when I dis - cov - er God has plan - ted in my plot!
 See the reign of God is grow - ing, ta - king root through - out the land!
 God has seed - ed ev - ery a - cre with sur - pris - ing, wi - ld grace!

[16]

What a joy when I dis - cov - er God has plan - ted in my plot!
 See the reign of God is grow - ing, ta - king root through - out the land!
 God has seed - ed ev - ery a - cre with sur - pris - ing, wi - ld grace!

439 God, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1. God, dis-miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2. Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's

joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound. May the fruits of your sal - va - tion

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound; ev - er faith - ful,

O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to the truth may we be found.

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