



the good news is...  
great love for  
God & neighbor



**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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### If God Lived Next Door

If God lived next door, I'd drop off a loaf of bread. I'd use my mom's best recipe. I'd wrap it in parchment and ribbon and place it on the front stoop. If God lived next door, I'd leave a note with my phone number. *Call anytime you need anything! I'm always happy to help!*

If God lived next door, I'd keep sugar on the shelf, just in case she needed a cup. I'd put a picnic table in the front yard and begin taking my coffee there. Whenever God passed by with their gaggle of rescue dogs, I could say, *Want to sit for a moment? Want to rest your legs?* I'd keep a jar of dog treats and water by the mailbox and change my doormat to one that says: *All are welcome here.*

I'd invite God over for dinner. She'd bring bread and juice. I'd host a block party, so that everyone could meet her. I'd start a community garden so that the kids could run between rows of squash and tomatoes while we adults put our hands in the dirt. We'd share stories while we weeded, and eat harvest meals at the end of the season. If God lived next door, I'd want to build something beautiful. Then again, **who says she doesn't?**

**Prelude**

*Adagio from the first organ sonata*  
F. Mendelssohn

C.J. Briggs

**Welcome**

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

**↑ Call to Worship**

Diane Kalliam

Leader: Tell me something good!

All: **God loves you more than you could imagine.**

Leader: Tell me something good!

All: **God loves all creation more than you could imagine.**

Leader: Tell me something good!

All: **God’s love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.**

Leader: This is good news indeed!

All: **Let us worship our compassionate, all-loving God.**

**↑ Opening Song**

*The Love Round*

*Joyful Noise & Congregation*

<sup>\*</sup>Em D C B7 <sup>\*</sup>Em D G B7  
 Love, love, love, love. Christ-ians, this is your \_\_ call:

<sup>\*</sup>Em D C B7 <sup>\*</sup>Em D Last: E  
 Em  
 Love your neigh-bour as your \_\_ self, for God loves us all.

**↑ 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

*♩ = 108*

① Fm Cm D<sup>b</sup> Fm

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

② ③

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

④

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

**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.

Prayer of Reflection and Release

Rev. Álvaro Durán

Invitation to Offering

Rebuilding Together

Robert Skelton

Since 1991, Rebuilding Together has provided free, critical repairs to over 600 low-income homeowners (primarily seniors and people with disabilities) and local nonprofits annually. This work is made possible by generous volunteers and sponsors, ensuring vulnerable individuals can live safely and nonprofits can focus on serving the community.

**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/](https://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

Love Somebody

Joyful Noise

**Scripture**

Matthew 25:35-40

Diane Kalliam

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “lord, when was it we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and we gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

**Sermon***Great Love for God and Neighbor*

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

**Sermon Response***As We Gather at Your Table*

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As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word.  
 Help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
 Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;  
 Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;  
 Send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.  
 Give us Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;  
 May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share the feast  
 Where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.  
 There no more will envy bind us nor will pride our peace destroy,  
 As we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

**Invitation to Communion**

Revs. Jessica Vacketta and 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**

C.J. Briggs

**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**

*The Church of Christ, in Every Age*

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The Church of Christ, in every age beset by change, but Spirit led,  
Must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry  
For shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.

Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be  
A partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

**↑ Benediction**

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

**↑ Choral Response\***

Chancel Choir

*\*Please remain standing for the choral response*

**Postlude**

*All Depends on Our Possessing*

C.J. Briggs

arr. Paul Manz

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**Special thanks to those helping with today's service:**

Our Liturgical Arts volunteer: Pam Ridlehuber

Our Coffee Hour Hosts: JW Lowrie & Tina Schulkamp, Susan Campo & Alison Schwandt

Our musicians leading worship: Dr. Ondine Young, C.J. Briggs, Chancel Choir, Joyful Noise Choir

Musicians may contact [ondine@ccsm-ucc.org](mailto: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](http://ccsm-ucc.org). Prayers will be listed below for two weeks, unless otherwise requested.*

## Recent Prayer Requests:

**Warren Long** requests prayers for **his brother, Bruce**, as he faces pancreatic cancer.

**Please pray for Mike and Lee Mullery's nephew, Wally**, who undergoes a liver transplant on 3-10-2026. It is from a live donor, so please pray for that **generous person**.

We give God thanks for the life of **Peter Pierson**, who passed peacefully in his sleep early in the morning on February 17. 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. All are welcome to attend a celebration of Peter's life and his art at 11:00 am March 20, prior to the Music and Art meeting with a lunch to follow in Kloss Hall.

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; **Mike and Lee Mullery's nephew, Wally; John**, Sharon Tobin's son; **Renato Floresca; Lynne and Peter**, friends of Lynn Nieberding; Chona Tendo'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](mailto:kim@ccsm-ucc.org)*

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

**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.

**Children, Youth & Families (CYF)** join us in welcoming Corinn, our new CYF Director before church in the CE Building (9:30am) **TODAY** and **THIS evening** at 5pm for pizza and ice cream.

**Traditional Spanish Service, TODAY, 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.

**Donations Requested 3/15 - 3/29:** Join our "March for Hope" this Lenten season by donating adult-sized footwear, new socks, or money to support our Samaritan House neighbors. You can drop off physical items in the Narthex, or make a monetary donation during Coffee Hour or via the church app under "Jericho Road".

**Second Hour: Dress a Girl Around the World, Sunday, March 8** from 12 - 1pm in the Buckham Room. Please join us for a special presentation by Ronda Chaney about *Dress a Girl Around the World*, a ministry dedicated to bringing dignity to girls globally by providing them with a new dress.

**San Francisco Safe House:** Following our recent plate offering, we invite you to see San Francisco SafeHouse's vital work firsthand at their Open House on Thursday, March 12, from 12 PM to 4 PM at 101 Gough, one of the city's first supportive housing units dedicated to survivors and their children.

**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](mailto:kim@ccsm-ucc.org).

**Join the Bell Choir:** Our Bell Choir Lenten rehearsals began last week, Join **TODAY, March 1**. We invite you to make this a Lenten practice to play bells during Eastertide- no experience required!

**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, March 1**

9:15 - 10:00 AM	<b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b> , Sanctuary
9:30 - 10:15 AM	<b>Meet Corinn, our new CYF Director</b> , CE Building
9:45 - 10:15 AM	<b>Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal</b> , Fireplace Room
10:30 - 11:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</b> in person and online (FB and YouTube)
10:30 - 11:30 AM	<b>60 minutes discussion group</b> , Fireplace Room
10:45 - 11:30 AM	<b>Children &amp; Youth Faith Formation</b> , Christian Education (CE) Building
12:00 - 1:00 PM	<b>Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal</b> , Choir room
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	<b>Coffee Hour and Pick-a-Vent Second Chance</b> , Kloss Hall
4:00 - 5:00 PM	<b>Children, Youth &amp; Families (CYF) Faith Formation</b> , CE Building
4:00 - 5:30 PM	<b>Servicio Tradicional Espanol</b> , Sanctuary and Fireplace Room
5:00 - 6:30 PM	<b>Meet Corinn, our new CYF Director Part II + Pizza &amp; Ice Cream</b> , CE Building

#### **Monday, March 2**

4:00 - 6:00 PM	<b>Samaritan House Meal Service</b> today
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**Tuesday, March 3**

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

**Men's Coffee Group**, Hillsdale Mall Terrace; contact Peter Held, [paheld1417@gmail.com](mailto:paheld1417@gmail.com)  
**Samaritan House Meal Service**, Kloss Hall

**Wednesday, March 4**

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

**Samaritan House Meal Service**, Kloss Hall  
**MSJ Monthly meeting**, ZOOM  
**Bilingual (Spanish/English) Worship Service**, Sanctuary

**Thursday, March 5**

10:15 - 11:30 AM  
4:00 - 6:00 PM  
7:30 - 9:00 PM

**Women's Coffee Group**, Fireplace Room  
**TO GO Samaritan House Meal Service**, Buckham Room  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal**, Sanctuary

**Friday, March 6**

4:00 - 6:00 PM

**Samaritan House Meal Service**, Kloss Hall

**Saturday, March 7**

8:30 - 10:30 AM

**CC Riders Weekly Bike Ride**; contact Peter Held, [paheld1417@gmail.com](mailto:paheld1417@gmail.com)

**Sunday, March 8**

9:15 - 10:00 AM  
9:45 - 10:15 AM  
10:30 - 11:30 AM  
10:45 - 11:30 AM  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
12:00- 1:00 PM  
12:00 - 1:00 PM  
4:00 - 5:00 PM  
4:00- 5:30 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**, CE Building  
**Coffee Hour**, Kloss Hall  
**Second Hour**, Buckham Room  
**Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal**, Choir room  
**CYF Faith Formation (Childcare, Children and Youth)**, CE Building  
**Servicio Tradicional Espanol**, Sanctuary/Fireplace Room  
**CYF Supper**, CE Building  
**Youth Group (6-12th grade)**, CE Building



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