



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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Surely, This Must Be It

Everyone has a job. I wash the potatoes, filling the sink with slivers of potato peel. You brine the turkey, hovering by the oven all afternoon. Someone sets the table, taking care to fill a vase with asters and marigolds, sprigs of holly and shoots of evergreen. We play music while we prepare. "What The World Needs Now is Love"¹ comes on. We can't get it out of our heads. We whistle along to Dionne all afternoon. And eventually, the doorbell rings.

You've invited the neighbors, the grad student who sits on the second row at church, the widower in the choir. We add seats to the table. We go around the room and share one thing we're grateful for. Eyes well as we create a laundry list of beauty. The kids get squirmy, but we're grateful for that too.

And then we eat! We scoop whipped potatoes and crisp green beans with fresh garlic. We pass the bread basket, leaving crumbs all over the table. They are tiny reminders of communion in our midst. And at the end of the night, when we walk our guests to the car and carry sleeping children to their car seats, our neighbors say, What a holy moment it all was. Surely this must be what heaven feels like. Surely we can create it together.

Prelude

Air
J.S. Bach

Kayoko Hori Grech & Ondine Young

Welcome

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

↑ Call to Worship

Amy Occhiuto

Leader: If you need good news,

All: settle into this space. We have good news to share.

Leader: If you need a word of hope,

All: then trust us when we say, *there is hope enough to go around.*

Leader: If you need a glimmer of joy,

All: then you're in luck! We have resilient joy abounding.

Leader: If you need to feel God's presence in your midst,

All: then know that this is God's house.

Leader: This is the good news of the gospel.

All: God is here. Love is real. Joy is on the move!

↑ Opening Song

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

#4, vs. 1-3

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 bird and flowing fountain, teach us what our praise should be.

You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
Well-spring 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 renew.

↑ Sharing the Peace

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

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

$\bullet = 108$

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

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

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

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GATHERING CHANT

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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. Jessica Vacketta

Prayer of Reflection and Release

Invitation to Offering

Homework Central

Tony Gallo

Our offering plate this week is for Homework Central (HWC), a nonprofit started by members of CCSM over 25 years ago. HWC strives to create educational equity for disadvantaged elementary school students. In partnership with the San Mateo-Foster City School District, HWC provides after-school tutoring, homework assistance, and family support, importantly free of charge. HWC also provides various enrichment activities in the sciences, arts, and humanities that expose students to a world of possibilities.

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.”
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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

Tell the Good News
G. Bartlett

Chancel Choir

Scripture

Mark 6:32-44

Amy Occhiuto

And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.” But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” And he said to them, “How many loaves have you? Go and see.” When they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand

Sermon

Together, the Impossible is Possible

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

Sermon Response

Human Minds Just Can't Imagine
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

Dream God's Dream

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

Minuet

Kayoko Hori Grech & Ondine Young

J.S. Bach

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Special thanks to those helping with today's service:

Our Liturgical Arts volunteer: Megan Goulden

Our Coffee Hour Host: Teresa Gebler

Our musicians leading worship: Dr. Ondine Young, Kayoko Hori Grech, Chancel Choir

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

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:

Please hold **Rev. Álvaro Durán** in your prayers following the death of his older sister, **Stephanie Durán**, on March 3rd. We also hold space for his mother Martha, brother Carlos, and sister Luisa.

We remember with great fondness our dear friend, **Pat Pepper**, who passed away in hospice on February 28. Arrangements are pending.

We pray for **Rev. Jessica's Aunt Cydra**, who is hospitalized in ICU with difficulties recovering from a complex surgery.

Nancy Nugent asks that we please keep **Jerry Nugent** in our prayers as he begins treatments for lymphoma.

Prayers for safe travels for **Oscar Rosa** as he travels to El Salvador from March 14 to March 21.

Michele Merfeld Hale requests prayers for healing for her **3-year-old nephew, Emmett**, as he recovers from a serious bout of the flu.

Genel Morgan asks for prayers of healing for **Mike, the husband of a good friend of hers**. He has aspiration pneumonia and complications. We pray for his return to good health.

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 March 10. 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 away on February 17. Please keep **Peter's sister, Susan**, in your prayers as she grieves the loss of Peter and **their sister Sally** who passed away on February 27. 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 gathering with a lunch to follow in Kloss Hall. Z-Quartet is the featured program for Music and Art that day and will perform in the Sanctuary at 1pm. Please RSVP to kim@ccsm-ucc.org to help with food preparations.

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 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

Second Hour: TODAY 12:00, Buckham Room– Dress a Girl Around the World, a ministry of Hope 4 Women International with Ronda Chaney. Since 2006, this nondenominational Christian organization has been bringing dignity to girls globally by ensuring they have at least one new dress to remind them they are worthy of respect and deeply loved by God. Beyond providing a beautiful garment, the "Dress a Girl" label signals that these children are under the care of a supportive international community.

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.

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.

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 neighbors using Samaritan House food service. 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".

San Francisco Safe House: Following our recent plate offering, we invite you to see San Francisco Safe House'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.

Pizza and Poster Making on March 22nd at 5pm We are hosting an empowering, family-friendly space to create signs for the No Kings mobilization on March 28. Poster making material will be provided but feel free to bring your own as well. Pizza will also be served. All are welcome.

Burlingame Music Club, Monday March 9 at 1pm in Kloss Hall: Join the Burlingame Music Club for an afternoon of refreshments and performances by seven talented student contestants preparing for the spring Young Musicians' Competition. All are welcome to attend and support these young violinists, cellists, and pianists!



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Calendar

visit [CCSM-UCC.ORG/EVENTS](https://ccsm-ucc.org/events) for the full calendar of events and meetings

Sunday, March 8

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 Worship Service in person and online (FB and YouTube)
10:45 - 11:30 AM Children & Youth Faith Formation (CYF), Christian Education (CE) Building
12:00 - 1:00 PM Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal, Choir room
12:00 - 1:00 PM Second Hour, Buckham Room
11:30 - 12:30 PM Coffee Hour, Kloss Hall
4:00 - 5:00 PM 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, March 9

4:00 - 6:00 PM Samaritan House Meal Service today
7:00 - 8:30 PM Council of Ministries Meeting, Buckham Room

Tuesday, March 10

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, March 11

4:00 - 6:00 PM Samaritan House Meal Service, Kloss Hall
7:00 - 8:45 PM Bilingual (Spanish/English) Worship Service, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 12

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, March 13

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

Saturday, March 14

8:30 - 10:30 AM Oscar is on vacation 3/14-3/22
4:30 - 6:30 PM CC Riders Weekly Bike Ride; contact Peter Held, paheld1417@gmail.com
Family Bowling Event, off site at Bel-Mateo

Sunday, March 15

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, 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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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

D/F# G B m7 F#m7

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

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 -

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 scars 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...

Human Minds Just Can't Imagine

AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7 D

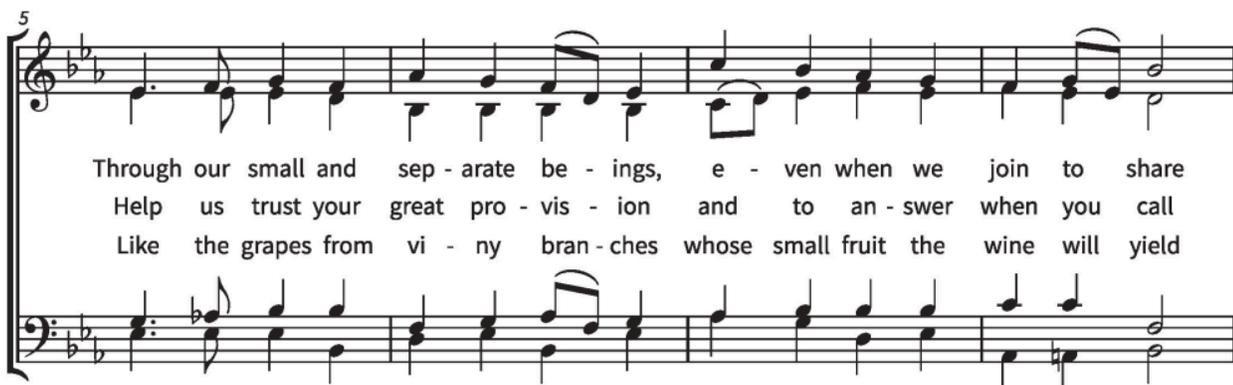
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Music: Joseph Haydn (1797)



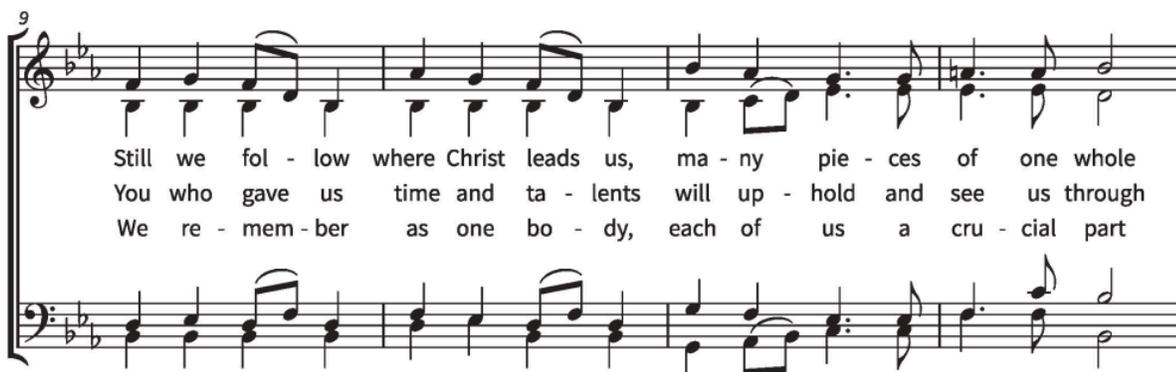
Hu - man minds just can't i - ma - gine all that God can bring to bear
God, ex - pand our dreams and vi - sion when we think our gifts too small
Like the grains of wheat are ga - thered from the vast and roll - ing fields

5



Through our small and sep - arate be - ings, e - ven when we join to share
Help us trust your great pro - vis - ion and to an - swer when you call
Like the grapes from vi - ny bran - ches whose small fruit the wine will yield

9



Still we fol - low where Christ leads us, ma - ny pie - ces of one whole
You who gave us time and ta - lents will up - hold and see us through
We re - mem - ber as one bo - dy, each of us a cru - cial part

13



That we might al - low our dream - ing to trans - form our bro - ken world
As we join to - geth - er in the work you've gi - ven us to do
In the glo - bal church pro - fess - ing: we be - long to God's own heart