



the good news is...

protection & care for  
the vulnerable



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### Unwritten Agreement

We have this unwritten agreement, us members of humanity. When the toddler at the coffee shop runs round the corner, when her mom, at the register, looks up in panic, we, the adults in the room, will pledge, with quick smiles and silent head nods, to keep watch. We will lean out of our seats. We will put down our phones. We will stand at the ready to scoop up, to offer words of comfort, to make silly faces, to keep an eye on the door. And we will do this, because we cannot ignore the instinct to care. We will do this, because we cannot ignore the child right in front of us. We will do this, because love always includes the least of these.

Prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org)

Prelude

*I Will Serve the Lord*

C.J. Briggs

Franklin Ritter

Welcome

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

## ↑ Call to Worship

Tony Gallo

Leader: God loves the field mouse, hiding in the tall grass.

**All: God loves the crows that take flight when church bells ring.**

Leader: God loves the baby, cooing in the back pew.

**All: God loves the child who rocks and claps and runs up and down the aisle**

Leader: God loves the one with wrinkled hands and soft eyes.

**All: God loves those who walk, crawl, and roll**

Leader: God loves the immigrant, the widow, and the orphan.

**All: And God does not stop at love**

Leader: God calls us to remember where we came from.

**All: God calls us to protect the vulnerable, and care for those in need.**

Leader: God calls us to love what God loves, and protect what God protects.

**All: There is no bit of creation that God does not love.**

Leader: Let us worship this good-news God!

## ↑ Opening Song

*All Are Welcome*

by Marty Haugen

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;  
Let us bring an end to fear and danger.  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place

## ↑ 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

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. Álvaro Durán

## Prayer of Reflection and Release

### Invitation to Offering

Dress a Girl Around the World

Suzanne Beck

Dress a Girl Around the World, is a ministry of Hope 4 Women International. 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.

**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.
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***In addition to our plate offering, we gratefully accept gifts to our General Fund at any time.***

**Offertory** *Good News; Chariot’s A-Coming* Chancel Choir

**Scripture** Deuteronomy 24:17-22 Tony Gallo  
The Inclusive Bible

Do not deprive the foreigner living among you of justice, or the orphan either; nor take the cloak of the widow or widower as collateral. Do not forget that you were slaves in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you from that place. So it is that I command you to do these things.

When you are harvesting in your field and overlook a sheaf of grain, do not go back for it afterward. Leave it for the foreigner, the orphan, or the widowed, so that the Lord your God, may bless you in all the work that you do. When you beat the olives from your trees, do not go over the branches a second time. Leave what remains to the foreigner, the orphan, or the widowed. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt, and this is why I command you to do this.

**Sermon** Protection and Care for the Vulnerable Rev. Jessica Vacketta

**Sermon Response** *Draw the Circle Wide*  
Music is printed in the back of the bulletin.

**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.

## ↑ Closing Hymn

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

#495, vs. 1-3

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace.  
We respond with deep commitment, fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend.  
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth.  
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people young and old.  
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,  
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,  
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

## Benediction

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

## ↑ Choral Response\*

Chancel Choir

*\*Please remain standing for the choral response*

## Postlude

Te Deum laudamus

C.J. Briggs

Johann Pachelbel

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

Our Liturgical Arts volunteers: Kay Harris

Our Coffee Hour Hosts: Sarah Iya & Teresa Gebler

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

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

### Recent Prayer Requests:

We are saddened to share that **Ricardo Saucedo** passed away earlier this week. Ricardo had a heart for service and a strong connection to CCSM, having officially joined as a member in 2025. We are grateful for having known him. He will be missed.

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. A memorial service is planned for May 9.

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 undergoes 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.

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](mailto:kim@ccsm-ucc.org) to help with food preparations.

**Ongoing prayer requests: Bruce Long; 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](mailto:kim@ccsm-ucc.org)*

**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.

**Jericho Road's "March for Hope"** is collecting new and gently used footwear and new socks for our Samaritan House Meal Service guests between March 15 and March 29. We are looking for new or gently used sturdy sneakers, walking shoes, and work boots (Adult sizes only). and socks (new, durable athletic or work socks.. Place items in the collection bin located in the Narthex. Cash donations are welcome and will be collected during Happy Coffee Hour in Kloss Hall or via the church app under "Jericho Road"

**Board of Directors Meeting, Tuesday, March 17, 6:30-8pm • Zoom •** All are welcome to attend the next Board of Directors meeting on Zoom at [tinyurl.com/m9mnbhaf](https://tinyurl.com/m9mnbhaf). Email [Frank Garritano fgarritano@gmail.com](mailto:Frank.Garritano@gmail.com), our Board Moderator, for more information.

All are welcome to attend a **celebration of Peter Pierson'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](mailto:kim@ccsm-ucc.org) to help with food preparations.

**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.

**The Village Pub is Back, Thursday, March 26, 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!



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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 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 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  
 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, March 16

11:00 - 12:30 PM Slow-Read Book Club, Library  
 4:00 - 6:00 PM Samaritan House Meal Service today

### Tuesday, March 17

10:00 - 11:00 AM Men's Coffee Group, Hillsdale Mall Terrace; contact Peter Held, [paheld1417@gmail.com](mailto:paheld1417@gmail.com)  
 4:00 - 6:00 PM Samaritan House Meal Service, Kloss Hall  
 6:30 - 8:00 PM Board of Director's meeting, (ZOOM [tinyurl.com/m9mnbhaf](https://tinyurl.com/m9mnbhaf))

### Wednesday, March 18

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

### Thursday, March 19

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 20

11:00- 12:30 PM Celebration of Peter Pierson's life, Buckham/Kloss Hall  
 12:45 - 1:30 PM Music and Art, Sanctuary  
 4:00 - 6:00 PM Samaritan House Meal Service, Kloss Hall

### Saturday, March 21

8:30 - 10:30 AM CC Riders Weekly Bike Ride; contact Peter Held, [paheld1417@gmail.com](mailto:paheld1417@gmail.com)

### Sunday, March 22

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, CE Building  
 11:30 - 12:30 PM Coffee Hour, Kloss Hall  
 12:00 - 1:00 PM Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal, Choir room

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5:30 - 6:30 PM

**CYF Faith Formation (Childcare, Children and Youth)**, CE Building  
**Servicio Tradicional Espanol**, Sanctuary/Fireplace Room  
**CYF Pizza and Poster Event**, CE Building  
**Youth Group (6-12th grade)**, CE Building



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# Draw the Circle Wide

♩=132

Draw the cir-cle\_ wide. Draw it wid - er still. Let this be our\_

song, no one stands a - lone, stand - ing side by side, draw the cir-cle\_

To verses Last time, Fine

wide. wide.

1. God the still - point of the cir - cle, 'round whom all cre -  
 2. Let our hearts touch far hor - i - zons, so en - com - pass  
 3. Let the dreams we\_ dream be larg - er, than we've ev - er

- a - tion turns; noth - ing lost, but  
 great and small; let our lov - ing  
 dreamed be - fore; let the dream of

held for - ev - er in God's gra - cious arms. \_\_\_\_\_  
 know no bor - ders, faith - ful to God's call. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Christ be in us, o - pen ev - 'ry door. \_\_\_\_\_