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### The Things That Matter Most

I wrecked the family car, an old gold minivan that had traveled every inch of I-95. It had worn cushions and an old school map in the glove box. It held a folder full of mix CDs under the passenger seat and every memory of every family trip, and I wrecked it. I called the tow truck while the engine hissed and smoked. I called my dad, my own apologies tripping over themselves to get to the front of the line. I expected to be grounded. I expected a “How could you?” But when I got home that night, my dad held me close and said, “A car is just a car, but you are my child. The only thing that matters is that you are okay.” And I knew it for what it was. It was mercy. It was love. It was the thing that mattered most.

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**Prelude**

*Preludes*  
*Nicolaus Bruhns, Jan Sweelinck, Johann Walther*

Liam Young Skeen & Holly Bogle

**Welcome**

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

**↑ Call to Worship**

Taylor Hansen

Leader: Welcome to the weary and the worn.

**All: Welcome to the wiggly and the eager.**

Leader: Welcome to the skeptical and the seeking.

**All: Welcome to the early risers and those still trying to wake up.**

Leader: Welcome to the rule followers and the rule breakers.

**All: Welcome to those hungry for justice and those long for mercy.**

Leader: Welcome to the sinners and the saints.

**All: This is God's house.**

Leader: Here, you can make yourself at home.

**All: Let us worship our just, merciful, and faithful God!**

**↑ Opening Song**

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

#23

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.  
There's no place where earthly sorrows are more felt than in God's heaven;  
there's no place where earthly failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of our minds;  
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's word;  
and our lives would show thanksgiving for the goodness of our God.

**↑ 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

**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

Peninsula Family Services

Maria Damp

The mission of Peninsula Family Service (PFS) is to strengthen our community by providing children, families and older adults with the support and the tools to realize their full potential and lead healthy, stable lives. PFS's programs address immediate needs while building pathways to lasting stability, independence and well-being. This is achieved by providing people access to equitable resources for opportunity, financial stability and wellness.

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

**Offertory**

*Deserted Garden*  
Florence Price

Kayoko Hori Grech,  
Ondine Young

**Scripture**

John 8: 2-11

Taylor Hansen

Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and, making her stand before all of them, they said to him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She said, “No one, sir.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.”

**Sermon**

Rooted in Justice, Mercy, and Faithfulness

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

**Sermon Response**

*Let Us Remember*  
(To the Tune of *Have Thine Own Way*)  
**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

*Let Justice Roll like a River*

Congregation & Choir sing the Refrain, Choir will sing verses 2 and 5,  
Order: **Refrain**, verse 2, **Refrain**, verse 5, **Refrain**

### Refrain

Let jus - tice roll like a riv - er, and  
wash all op - pres - sion a - way; Come, O God, and take us,  
move and shake us, Come now, and make us a - new,  
that we might live just - ly like you.

## Benediction

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

## ↑ Choral Response\*

Chancel Choir

*\*Please remain standing for the choral response*

### Postlude

*Tell Me Something Good*  
Wonder/Kahn

Holly Bogle, Ondine Young  
Liam Young Skeen, C.J. Briggs

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

Our Liturgical Arts volunteers: Megan Goulden

Our Coffee Hour Hosts: Mia Rossi, Amy Occhiuto

Our musicians leading worship: Dr. Ondine Young, C.J. Briggs, Liam Young Skeen, Holly Bogle,  
Kayoko Hori Grech and CCSM 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 hold **Lauren and Brian Mathews, Nicholas and Lily** in our prayers following the death of Lauren's mother, **Beverly Woodhouse** on Friday, March 13. Lauren shared her mother passed sweetly, surrounded by family.

We surround **Chona Tendero** and **Ruth Dizon** in prayer following the death of Chona's sister, **Tessy**, last week. Chona and Ruth have traveled back to the Philippines for her service and to spend time with family. They also ask for prayers for their other family members traveling from near and far to make it home.

**Sarah Iya** requests prayers for courage, safety, and resilience for **her cousin Amy and family** in Abu Dhabi during the current conflict. Sarah and Vik give thanks for their safe return home after visiting Amy during the first week of missile attacks.

We offer prayers of gratitude that **Mike and Lee Mullery's nephew, Wally Hays**, is now recovering following a successful liver transplant on March 10.

We are saddened to share that **Ricardo Saucedo** passed away last 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.

We continue to pray for **Rev. Jessica's Aunt Cydra**, who remains hospitalized following a complex surgery.

**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)*

**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.

**Pizza and Poster Making TODAY 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.

**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"

**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!



**Join the CCSM Action Network!** Want to see how we show up in the world with compassion, courage, and solidarity? Scan the QR code below to receive timely invitations to vigils, rallies, marches, and community gatherings where your faithful presence matters.



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# Holy Week at CCSM



## **PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Sunday, March 29, 10:30am, Front Lawn/ Sanctuary**

Processional of palms from the front lawn, JR the donkey returns, music by our choirs & special guests, and a Holy Week play led by our youth.

## **DOMINGO DE RAMOS**

**Sunday, March 29, 4:00-5:00pm, Sanctuary**

Spanish Lenten Service (Sundays, 4 PM): Translation available, with coffee and treats to follow in the Fireplace Room.

## **SERVICIO DE ADORACIÓN BILINGÜE**

**Wednesday, April 1, 7:15-8:45pm, Kloss Hall and Buckham Room**

Join us this Holy Week to make a traditional alfombra, followed by a community potluck meal.

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**Thursday, April 2, 7:00-8:00pm, Congregational Church of the Peninsula**

Experience combined choirs, strings, communion, and a hand-washing ritual at our shared UCC Holy Week service.

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

**Friday, April 3, 7:00-8:15pm, CCSM Sanctuary and Online**

A Good Friday service for a war-torn world. Seven faith leaders from across our community reflect on the last words of Jesus — words of forgiveness, grace, and love. Combined choirs, strings, and candlelight. Coffee hour to follow; childcare provided.

## **EASTER VIGIL**

**Saturday, April 4, 7:00-8:15pm, College Heights UCC**

Experience an imaginative recreation of the first Great Vigil with Mary Magdalene. We will hear her story, share in anointing and communion, and conclude with Taizé-style vigil—holding space at the tomb in the unknowing of Easter morning.

# Easter Sunday

## **SUNRISE WORSHIP**

**Sunday, April 5, 6:30-7:30am, Memorial Garden**

Gather at sunrise with Revs. Jessica and Álvaro, just as the women did on that first Easter. We'll share the resurrection story, communion, and music led by Ondine Young and C.J. Briggs. Coffee and tea provided for the chilly morning.

## **TRADITIONAL EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**10:30am, Sanctuary**

The good news is alive, and it is wild in the world. Join us to celebrate the resurrection — greater than any tyrant, stronger than any death. Featuring music from the Albany Consort and a closing Hallelujah Chorus led by the CCSM choir.

## **YOUTH EASTER FESTIVAL**

**10:45-11:30am, Buckham Room**

Children and youth are invited to celebrate the joy of the resurrection story through hands-on fun, creativity, and connection! They will rotate through a variety of engaging activity stations, enjoy a game or two, and take part in meaningful Easter themed experiences designed to bring the story to life in a fun and memorable way.

## **EASTER EGG HUNT**

**11:35am, Front Lawn**

Children and Youth are invited to join the CYF ministry for our traditional Easter Egg Hunt immediately following worship.

## **CELEBRACIÓN DE PASCUA DE RESURRECCIÓN**

**4:00-5:00pm, Sanctuary**

Join us for a joyful celebration of the Good News of Easter in Spanish, followed by a delicious shared meal. Christ is alive: working, healing and loving in the world today.

**(No Youth Group on Easter)**

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

### **Sunday, March 22**

9:15 - 10:00 AM	<b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b> , Sanctuary
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 - 12:30 PM	<b>Coffee Hour</b> , Kloss Hall
11:30 - 12:15 PM	<b>Open Cathedral Sandwich Making</b> , Kloss Kitchen
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>Pizza, Poster &amp; Games</b> , Kloss Hall

### **Monday, March 23**

4:00 - 6:00 PM	<b>Samaritan House Meal Service</b> , Kloss Hall
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### **Tuesday, March 24**

10:00 - 11:00 AM	<b>Men's Coffee Group</b> , Hillsdale Mall Terrace; contact Peter Held, <a href="mailto:paheld1417@gmail.com">paheld1417@gmail.com</a>
4:00 - 6:00 PM	<b>Samaritan House Meal Service</b> , Kloss Hall

### **Wednesday, March 25**

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

### **Thursday, March 26**

10:15 - 11:30 AM	<b>Women's Coffee Group</b> , Fireplace Room
4:00 - 6:00 PM	<b>Samaritan House Meal Service</b> , Kloss Hall
7:00 - 8:30 PM	<b>Village Pub</b> , Fireplace Room
7:30 - 9:00 PM	<b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b> , Sanctuary

**Friday, March 27**

4:00 - 6:00 PM

**TO GO Samaritan House Meal Service**, Buckham Room

**Saturday, March 28**

8:30 - 10:30 AM

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

**Sunday, March 29**

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

**Palm Sunday Worship Service** in person and online (FB and YouTube)

10:45 - 11:30 AM

**Children & Youth Faith Formation**, CE Building (1st grade & under)

11:30 - 12:30 PM

**Coffee Hour**, Kloss Hall

12:00 - 1:00 PM

**Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal**, Choir room

12:00 - 2:30 PM

**Innovation Lab Meeting**– CE Building

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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Fifth Sunday in Lent | John 8:2-11, Matthew 23:23, Micah 6:8

the good news is... rooted in justice, mercy, and faithfulness

# Let Us Remember

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Words: Anna Strickland (2025)

Music: George C. Stebbins (1907)

What is im - por - tant? What mat - ters more?  
 We've been shown mer - cy all of our lives  
 Fol - low - ing Je - sus, liv - ing in truth  
 What does the Lord re - qui - re of us?

[2]  
 Hu - man con - nec - tion or keep - ing score? In our pur - suit  
 By the cre - a - tor of hu - man - kind So when we're in  
 We re - main faith - ful to our roots When those roots lead  
 To re - main hum - ble, lov - ing, and just Keep - ing the heart

[5]  
 of jus - tice and truth Let us re - mem - ber: we fall short, too  
 a po - si - tion to judge Let us re - mem - ber: they're just like us  
 us out - side the lines Let us re - mem - ber: faith is a - live  
 of the gos - pel in mind Let us re - mem - ber: do what is right

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