

*“Because of who you are,
and where you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here.”*

Welcome to CCSM!

We are so glad you’re here! To celebrate your visit, we’d love to make a \$5 donation on your behalf to a charity of your choice. Supporting 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!**



Children & Youth



We love having kids at CCSM! Please choose the option that works best for your family today:

- **Stay in the Service:** Children and youth are always welcome in the Sanctuary! Feel free to grab toys/activities/color sheets from the basket at the Kids Table in the Narthex.
- **Go to Faith Formation:** During the Passing of the Peace, kids (up to 4th grade) and youth (5th-8th grade) are invited to head to the Christian Education Building with our leaders. Parents are welcome to walk them over.

Pick-up: If your kids attend Faith Formation, you can meet them in their program room or Kloss Hall during Coffee Hour.

Get Connected

We’d love to get to know you!

- **Connect Card:** Fill one out and drop it in the offering plate or hand it to a greeter. Or fill out the “Contact Us” form at ccsm-ucc.org.
- **Stay in the Loop:** Email kim@ccsm-ucc.org to get our weekly *Connections* newsletter, *Worship Links*, or biweekly *Family Scoop*.
- **Get the App:** Download the Church Center app on Google Play/App Store (Search: Congregational Church of San Mateo)
- **Follow Us:**  @ccsmucc  ccsm.ucc  ccsmMediaChannel



Accesibilidad / Accessibility

En el nártex hay dispositivos de asistencia auditiva e instrucciones para traducción (inglés-español). Por favor, diríjase a un acomodador si necesita ayuda.

Order of Service

↑ Please rise | Spoken together | Music | 🎵 Sung together

Prelude

C.J. Briggs

Welcome

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

↑ Call to Worship

Kathy Gallo

Leader: The good news is still unfolding among us.

All: **God is alive in this community of love.**

Leader: When our hearts are troubled, when the path feels unclear,

All: **God meets us here with presence and peace.**

Leader: In God's house are many dwelling places.

All: **There is room for each of us, just as we are.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who welcomes and abides with us.

↑ 🎵 Opening Song

God is Here! As We Your People Meet.

#70, vs. 1-3

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font, and pulpit, here the cross has central place.
Here is honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

↑ Sharing the Peace

Rev. Álvaro Durán

Throughout this Eastertide season, we'll return to this centering song, which reminds us resurrection isn't just something we celebrate, but something we embody in how we love and care for one another.

Live in Charity
Ubi caritas

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Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love.
U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,

Live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.
u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

This refrain comes from a Latin hymn associated with the washing of feet on Maundy Thursday. Whether in English or Latin, it is most effective when sung unaccompanied and in parts. In many ways it is a miniature equivalent of "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" (see no. 727).

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UBI CARITAS (Taizé)
Irregular

Invitation to Offering

Peninsula College Fund

Charles Schmuck

The Peninsula College Fund (PCF) began in 2005 as the dream of an educator troubled by the high college drop-out rate of first-generation/low-income youth from the Mid-Peninsula/San Mateo County. What began as a grassroots effort providing scholarships and mentoring to three motivated East Palo Alto students has grown exponentially, demonstrating remarkable success with its mission to empower first-generation/low-income college students to graduate and achieve their career goals.

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

Seek Ye First
Lafferty

Chancel Choir

Scripture

John 14: 1-14

Kathy Gallo

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In God’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Divine except through me. If you know me, you will know God also. From now on you do know God and have seen God.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Divine, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen God. How can you say, ‘Show us the Divine’? Do you not believe that I am in God and God is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the One who dwells in me does this works. Believe me that I am in God and God is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to God. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Divine may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Sermon

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

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

↑ Doxology (Old 100th)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

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).

Revs. Jessica Vacketta and Álvaro Durán

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

Reprise: Seek Ye First

↑ Sending Forth

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

#76

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive hearts reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's realm and to answer the call.

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With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, love ever caring, embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us,
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ
and that name which we bear.

↑ Benediction & Choral Response

↑ Postlude

C.J. Briggs

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Special thanks to those helping with today's service:

Preparing Communion Today: Ruth Dizon and Chona Tendero

Our Liturgical Arts volunteers: Alexandra Gillen, Megan Goulden

Our Coffee Hour Hosts: Teresa Gebler, Sarah Iya

Our musicians leading worship: Dr. Ondine Young, C.J. Briggs, & 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 or the Church App. Prayers will be listed below for two weeks, unless otherwise requested.

Recent Prayer Requests:

Diane Kalliam asks for prayers for **Lorraine Morton-Fezell** as she prepares for surgery and treatment following a recent cancer diagnosis.

Prayers of condolence go out to **Dave and Sally McClure** as Sally's sister **Sharon** recently passed away. Sally and Sharon spoke nearly every day and her loss will be felt keenly.

Holly Allen asks that we pray for her long-time friend **Kerry and her husband, Tom**. Tom has struggled with cancer for many years and just entered hospice.

Louisa and Jim Shaul request prayers for the safety of **Caroline Shaul and her husband Colby**, as they drive Jim and Louisa's car across country for Jim and Louisa's move to New York.

Please continue to pray for **Deb McCann** who recently suffered multiple strokes. Deb is the mother of staff member, **John McCann**, and worships with us online every Sunday.

Genel Morgan asks for prayers for her friend **Lene** who has just been diagnosed with breast cancer.

A **memorial for Pat Pepper** will be held on Saturday, May 9 at 1:00 here at CCSM. There will be a reception in Kloss Hall following the memorial. Pat's family thanks her many friends for messages and cards over the past two months!

A **memorial service for Ricardo Saucedo** will be held on Sunday, May 17 at 4:00 pm here at CCSM. A cafecita will follow in Kloss Hall. If you are available to help with the service and/or reception please contact Rev. Álvaro.

We pray for **Jerry Nugent** as he continues with treatment for lymphoma, and we hold **Nancy Nugent** in prayer, as well. Nancy has transferred to an assisted living facility as she continues to recover, while Jerry goes through his treatments.

Ongoing prayer requests: **Sabrina**, friend of Mike and Sue Hill; **Lindsay**, friend of Genel Morgan; **Cydra Christensen**, aunt of Rev. Jessica;; **Heather Morgan**; **Larry Anderson**, friend of Frank Garritano; **Joaquín**, Nadia Hernández father; **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

JOIN THE POSY POSSE Captivated by rainbows? Experience the beauty of Posy Posse as we start our seasonal outreach to assemble and deliver uplifting flower arrangements to the CCSM community. CCSM Kitchen, **Mondays 12:00-2:00**. All are welcome! Contact Susan susanalake15@gmail.com to rsvp.

THE VILLAGE PUB IS BACK • Thursday, May 7 • 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!

SLOW READ BOOK CLUB • Next Meeting May 18 • Join Siew Kang and new co-leader Betsy Woodward for a slow, contemplative read of Barbara Brown Taylor's book, *An Altar in the World*. This will be their book for April, May, and June. For more information, contact Siew at internationalchoir@gmail.com

BLESSING BOX DONATIONS Thank you for your continued generosity! In addition to food, our neighbors are in great need of essential items like diapers, cleaning supplies, feminine hygiene products, and baby formula. Please drop off these everyday household goods in the narthex donation bin to help support our community.



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.

CYF SUMMER KICKOFF BBQ • Sunday, May 24 • 5 - 7pm: Kick off the summer with the whole CCSM family at our intergenerational BBQ celebration! We'll provide the main course, so please bring a side dish or dessert to share as we gather for a meal to connect with friends old and new.

CCSM & YOU: NEW MEMBER LUNCH • Sunday, June 7 • 12:00–2:00 pm • Whether you're new to CCSM or have been around a while, come learn more about our church, explore ways to get involved, and explore why membership might be the right step for you. No pressure, just connection and conversation! Contact Alison Schwandt to learn more or RSVP, alisonschwandt@gmail.com —we'd love to welcome you more fully into the life of our church!



For Staff, CCSM Board, and Ministries leads, go to ccsm-ucc.org/welcome/#staff or scan the QR code. To contact your CCSM Board, email Board@ccsm-ucc.org. To contact anyone in the Council of Ministries, email COM@ccsm-ucc.org. To contact the church office, email cmontara@ccsm-ucc.org

Calendar visit CCSM-UCC.ORG/EVENTS or our **Church Center App** (click the calendar icon at the bottom of the homepage) for the full calendar of events and meetings.

Sunday, May 3

10:45 - 11:30 AM Children & Youth Faith Formation, Christian Education (CE) Building
 11:30 - 12:30 PM Coffee Hour, Kloss Hall
 4:00 - 5:00 PM CYF Faith Formation (Middle School), CE Building
 5:00 - 5:30 PM CYF Snack Supper, CE Building
 5:30 - 6:30 PM Youth Group (6-12th grade), CE Building

Monday, May 4

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

Tuesday, May 5

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
 7:00-8:30 PM Circulo Mujeres Grupo, Kloss Hall

Wednesday, May 6

4:00 - 6:00 PM Samaritan House Meal Service, Kloss Hall
 6:00- 7:30 PM MSJ Monthly Meeting, ZOOM
 7:15 - 8:30 PM Bilingual Worship Service, Kloss Hall

Thursday, May 7

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

Friday, May 8

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

Saturday, May 9

8:30 - 10:30 AM CC Riders Weekly Bike Ride; contact Peter Held, paheld1417@gmail.com
 1:00- 2:30 PM Memorial Service for Pat Pepper, sanctuary and Kloss Hall

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