

PRIDE: Celebrating Queer Voices

Sunday, June 14th 2026



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 5th 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)



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CCSM Open and Affirming Statement

By congregational vote: May 2002, amended January 2013

We, the members of the Congregational Church of San Mateo, declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming (ONA) congregation of the United Church of Christ.

By this declaration we welcome all people without regard to sexual orientation, race; nationality; ethnicity; age; marital status; gender; economic status; immigration status; or mental, emotional, or physical challenges. We invite all who seek God's guidance to join our open and affirming faith community and to share fully in our church's life and opportunities for ministry.

This declaration is a covenant we make with one another in response to Jesus' call to love God with all of our hearts, souls and minds and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

With this covenant:

We intend to grow in faith, hope and love as we journey together;

We appreciate and affirm all people as loved children of God:

We recognize the diversity of human nature and families
founded on mutual love and commitment;

We affirm relationships, unions and families
founded on mutual love and commitment;

We commit to work for human rights, justice and equality
in our church and community.

Order of Service

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

Prelude

A Time for Love

C.J. Briggs

Written by Paul Francis Webster, Music by Johnny Mandel, Arranged by Bill Evans

Welcome

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

↑ Call to Worship

Krystal Burndon

By M Jade Kaiser from the Enfleshed Collective

Leader: Listen! Listen for the voice of God, naming us all: Holy. Beloved. Cherished. Valued.

All: **We believe you delight in us!**

Leader: Make us people who recognize and proclaim your beauty and goodness in unexpected places.

All: **Surprise us. Challenge us. Transform us.**

Leader: We trust in you, Holy One, to reveal to us the sacredness of every life, of every way of being, of every physical manifestation of your Spirit.

All: **May it be so! Amen.**

↑ 🎵 Opening Hymn

Joyful People, Come and Worship

To the tune, *Hymn to Joy*

Joyful people, come and worship! Lift your happy hearts in song.
Giving praise for our church family, in God's house, where all belong.
Celebrating our uniqueness, filled with love and Pride today.
Forth we travel on faith's journey, we who once had turned away.

And today we lift our voices; of amazing love we sing.
Giving thanks and praise to Yahweh for the joy that love can bring!
Praising Jesus and the Spirit, singing of amazing grace.
Here we see that same sweet Spirit on each sister's brother's face.

God, whose mercies know no boundaries, heard our cries for liberty;
Broke the chains of fear that bound us, lifted, loved, and set us free!
Learning how to love each other, how to live and how to grow.
Children of God's new creation, onward, upward, now we go!

↑ Sharing the Peace

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

🎵 Centering Song

C.J. Briggs

Outlet is a program of Adolescent Counseling Services. This program supports LGBTQ+ youth and young adults across San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. They provide free and low-cost mental health services, peer support groups, leadership opportunities, community events and affirming spaces for the queer and trans youth ages 10-25. The mission of Outlet is to make sure queer and trans youth know they are not alone.

Give to CCSM with ease!

- **Church Center App:** Download the 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

Draw the Circle Wide
Mark Miller

Chancel Choir & Burndon Family

Poem

"To Be of Use"
Marge Piercy

Krystal Burndon

The people I love the best
jump into work head first
without dallying in the shallows
and swim off with sure strokes almost out of sight.
They seem to become natives of that element,
the black sleek heads of seals
bouncing like half-submerged balls.

I love people who harness themselves, an ox to a heavy cart,
who pull like water buffalo, with massive patience,
who strain in the mud and the muck to move things forward,
who do what has to be done, again and again.

I want to be with people who submerge
in the task, who go into the fields to harvest
and work in a row and pass the bags along,

who are not parlor generals and field deserters
but move in a common rhythm
when the food must come in or the fire be put out.

The work of the world is common as mud.
Botched, it smears the hands, crumbles to dust.
But the thing worth doing well done
has a shape that satisfies, clean and evident.
Greek amphoras for wine or oil,
Hopi vases that held corn, are put in museums
but you know they were made to be used.
The pitcher cries for water to carry
and a person for work that is real.

Scripture

Romans 10:15

Krystal Burndon

And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Sermon

Evangeline

Kristine "KP" Poggioli

Congregational Prayer

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

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*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This joy I have, the world didn't give it to me.
This joy I have, the world didn't give it to me.
This joy I have, the world didn't give it to me.
No, the world didn't give it, the world can't take it away.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All through the night, we're gonna let it shine.
All through the night, we're gonna let it shine.
All through the night, we're gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

↑ **Benediction & Choral Response**

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

Postlude

You and Me
From "Victor/Victoria"

C.J. Briggs

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CCSM endeavors to use inclusive language in our worship services. Exceptions occur when we must be compliant with copyright laws.

Special thanks to those helping with today's service:

Liturgical Arts volunteers: Pam Ridlehuber & Megan Goulden

Our Coffee Hour Hosts: Krystal & Leslie Burndon and Alison Schwandt

Musicians leading worship: The Burndon Family, 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. To share a request, fill out a connect card in the pew and place it in our offering plate, give it to a minister, visit ccsm-ucc.org or the Church App. Prayers will be listed below for two weeks, unless otherwise requested.

Recent Prayer Requests:

We surround **K.P. Poggioli** and family in prayer following the death of her father **Charles "Buzz" Brewer**, who passed away on June 1.

Ongoing prayers: Jerry and Nancy Nugent; Joel Uribe, father of Victor de la Torre; **Andrew Lind; Lene**, friend of Genel Morgan; **Kerry and Tom**, friends of Holly Allen; **Sabrina**, friend of Mike and Sue Hill; **Lindsay**, friend of Genel Morgan; **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 Leung; **Lani Leydig; Cheryl Granucci**; Allison Rock and Chris Wuthmann's friend, **Karen; Veril Phillips and Bev Knowlton; Mike and Lee Mullery, Dottie Scott**

Bulletin Board

MENTAL HEALTH 101 SECOND HOUR • TODAY Sunday, June 14 • 12 - 1pm: NAMI San Mateo invites you to "Mental Health 101," an interactive learning experience built for our community. Bring yourself, a friend, or a family member as we dive into mental health awareness and share the vital resources available to you. We are not alone on this journey.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING • Tuesday, June 16, 6 - 8:30pm via Zoom • All are welcome to attend the next Board of Directors meeting tinyurl.com/45umfx55. Email Frank Garritano fgarritano@gmail.com, our Board Moderator, for more information.

SUMMER YOUTH GROUP - Wednesdays • 6 - 7:30pm: Join us this summer in the Buckham room for a new midweek, intergenerational, youth group! Open to Elementary through High School students. If you are interested in being one of our two weekly adult volunteers, please email Corinn, corinn@ccsm-ucc.org.

CELEBRATE PRIDE AT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF THE PENINSULA • Saturday June 20 • 4pm • Join local Open & Affirming churches to Celebrate Pride at Congregational Church of the Peninsula (751 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont). Events include a 4:00 p.m. reception with guest speaker Rev. Derek Terry, a 5:00 p.m. Pride Worship Service, and a 6:00 p.m. Coffee Happy Hour.

VILLAGE PUB IS BACK • Tuesday, June 23 • 7 - 8:30pm: 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! Dave Olson, dave.olson17@comcast.net

FAMILY DANCE PARTY • Saturday, June 27 • 5 - 7pm: Everyone is invited to our all-ages community dance party in Kloss Hall! We are also seeking friendly volunteers to help with planning—please email Corinn at corinn@ccsm-ucc.org if you would like to get involved.

JOIN BELL CHOIR THIS SUMMER • Sundays, July 9- August 2 • 12 - 1pm: Looking for a fun way to connect this summer? Join CJ and Ondine for Handbells in the Choir Room on Sundays from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. No prior experience is needed, and everyone from upper elementary through adults is welcome!

SAVE THE DATE: BOBBY JO VALENTINE CONCERT • Saturday, July 18 • 7pm: Acclaimed folk/pop artist Bobby Jo Valentine is performing at our church on Saturday, July 18 at 7:00 PM! Ticket information will be available shortly, but you can learn more about his music ahead of time at bobbyjovalentine.com.

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, June 14

9:15 - 10:00 AM
10:30 - 11:30 AM
10:45 - 11:30 AM
11:30 - 12:30 PM
12:00 - 1:00 PM
10:30 - 11:30 AM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary
Worship in person and online (FB and YouTube)
Children & Youth Faith Formation, CE Building
Coffee Hour, Kloss Hall
Second Hour - Mental Health 101 with NAMI, Buckham Room
Worship in person and online (FB and YouTube)

Monday, June 15

11:00 - 12:30
12:00 - 1:00 PM
4:00 - 6:00 PM

Slow Read Book Club, Fireplace Room
Posy Posse, Kloss Kitchen
Samaritan House Meal Service, Kloss Hall

Tuesday, June 16

10:00 - 11:00 AM
4:00 - 6:00 PM
6:30 - 8:00 PM
7:00 - 9:00 PM

Men's Coffee Group, Hillsdale Mall Terrace; contact Peter Held, paheld1417@gmail.com
Samaritan House Meal Service, Kloss Hall
Board of Director's Meeting, ZOOM
Circulo Mujeres ZUMBA, Kloss Hall

Wednesday, June 17

4:00 - 6:00 PM
6:00 - 7:30 PM
7:15 - 8:30 PM

Samaritan House Meal Service, Kloss Hall
Summer Youth Group, Buckham Room
Bilingual Worship Service, Kloss Hall

Thursday, June 18

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

Casual Bike Rider's Group, meet in Parking Lot
Women's Coffee Group, Fireplace Room
Samaritan House Meal Service, Kloss Hall
Circulo Mujeres ZUMBA, Kloss Hall
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Friday, June 19

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Church closed in observance of Juneteenth Holiday
Samaritan House Meal Service, Kloss Hall

Saturday, June 20

8:30 - 10:30 AM
4:00 - 7:00 PM

CC Riders Weekly Bike Ride; contact Peter Held, paheld1417@gmail.com
Celebrate PRIDE with Rev. Terry, Congregational Church of the Peninsula

Sunday, June 21

9:15 - 10:00 AM
10:30 - 11:30 AM
10:45 - 11:30 AM
11:30 - 12:30 PM

Father's Day
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary
Worship in person and online (FB and YouTube)
Children & Youth Faith Formation, CE Building
Coffee Hour, Kloss Hall

