

PRIDE: Celebrating Queer Voices

Sunday, June 28th 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 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:  church center Congregational Church of San Mateo)

- **Follow Us:**  @ccsmucc  ccsm.ucc  ccsmMediaChannel  tinyurl.com/CCSMspotify

Accesibilidad / Accessibility

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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

Adagio
Marcello

C.J. Briggs

Welcome & Invocation

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

↑ **Call to Worship**

Sarah Murphy

Leader: Welcome, beloved, to this sanctuary of radical love and unapologetic grace!

All: We gather with Pride- embracing joy, honoring the journey, and celebrating exactly who God created us to be.

Leader: No one is required to hide or pretend; every voice, every story, and every identity is a sacred reflection of the Divine.

All: Rooted in God's inclusive love, we shall not be moved by the storms of fear or hatred.

Leader: Here, there is room for every story, every question, every hope, and every dream.

All: Here, we are reminded that we belong to God and to one another.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God of love, justice, and joy!

↑  **Opening Hymn**

O For A World

#575, vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
Where trust is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice,
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

↑ **Sharing the Peace**

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

 **Centering Song**

C.J. Briggs

The Open and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ advocates for and supports lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, nonbinary, and queer individuals, equipping UCC congregations to fully embody Christ’s extravagant affirmation. Through education, advocacy, and community-building, the Coalition empowers churches to become bold witnesses for LGBTQ+ justice and inclusion, ensuring that all people are celebrated as beloved children of God.

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

I Believe
Mark Miller

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

Genesis 22:1-14

Sarah Murphy

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.” Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide," as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

Sermon

Who Are You Listening To?

Don Ruthroff

↑  **Sermon Response**

Here I Am Lord

Chalice Hymnal #452

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

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*

↑  **Closing Song**

We are a Rainbow

Tune: Slocan

See Insert

It is composer David Kai's custom to name hymn tunes after internment camps and ghost towns where Canadians of Japanese descent were interned during the Second World War. In this way he hopes that "these historic places and injustices will not be forgotten."

↑ **Benediction**

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

Postlude

Chorale

C.J. Briggs

J.S. Bach

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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

Our Coffee Hour Hosts: Julie Hitchcock & Becky Duffy

Musicians leading worship: Dr. Ondine Young, C.J. Briggs, & Chancel Choir

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 hold **Annette Daniels** in prayer following the death of her sister, **Barbara Lee**, on June 19.

Prayers for **Joaquín, Nadia Hernández's father**, as he begins palliative care.

Prayers for **Nicolasa, Josefina's mother**, who is fighting cancer.

Ongoing prayers: Jerry & 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 & Sue Hill; **Lindsay**, friend of Genel Morgan; **Heather Morgan; Larry Anderson**, friend of Frank Garritano; **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 & Bev Knowlton; Mike & Lee Mullery, Dottie Scott**

Bulletin Board



BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY! 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! Scan the QR code to buy tickets.

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.

JOIN BELL CHOIR THIS SUMMER • Sundays, July 12- August 9 • 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! Talk to Ondine and CJ at coffee hour after church to sign up or learn more, or in the choir room on July 5 after worship.

LIBRES EN CRISTO • Sundays, beginning, July 12 • 3pm Join us for ¡Libres en Cristo!, our first Spanish-language, LGBTQ+-affirming course exploring progressive faith from a Latino perspective, beginning Sunday, July 12 at 3pm. For more info or to join our inclusive community, please contact Rev. Álvaro.



INSPIRING DELEGATION TO EL SALVADOR • Nov 9 - 15 • Join a transformative pilgrimage to El Salvador to deepen your faith, walk in the footsteps of historic martyrs, and learn from local communities fighting for justice. Scan the QR code for more information.

ZUMBA • Tuesday & Thursdays • 7 - 8pm: Looking for a fun way to stay active? Join us in Kloss Hall for Zumba! This Latina-led group offers a supportive environment for movement and relaxation. No experience necessary—all are welcome! Contact Rocío Pérez (roxxi.84@hotmail.com) for details.

HELP KEEP COFFEE HOUR GOING • We need co-hosts to bring sweet or savory treats to share. We have openings in **June and July**. It's a simple, wonderful way to welcome newcomers and bless our community. To sign up, please email **Melodie Lew** boygie.m2000@yahoo.com.

Bobby Jo Valentine

Heart-Opening Folk/Pop

Saturday, July 18, 7:00pm

Congregational Church of San Mateo

225 Tilton Ave., San Mateo

Tickets
\$20 Adults
\$10 Students

“Catchy songs with good tunes and intelligent, thoughtful lyrics in the tradition of Bob Dylan and Cat Stevens”
Stephen Schwartz,
Creator of Wicked and Godspell

bobbyjovalentine.com

Congregational Church of San Mateo
...open, progressive, spiritual

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 28

9:15 - 10:00 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary
10:30 - 11:30 AM Worship 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

Monday, June 29

12:00 - 1:00 PM Posy Posse, Kloss Kitchen
4:00 - 6:00 PM Samaritan House Meal Service, Kloss Hall

Tuesday, June 30

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 - 9:00 PM Circulo Mujeres ZUMBA, Kloss Hall

Wednesday, July 1

4:00 - 6:00 PM Samaritan House Meal Service, Kloss Hall
6:00 - 7:30 PM Summer Youth Group, Buckham Room
7:15 - 8:30 PM Bilingual Worship Service, Kloss Hall

Thursday, July 2

9:00 - 10:30 AM Casual Bike Rider's Group, meet in Parking Lot
10:15 - 11:30 AM Women's Coffee Group, Fireplace Room
4:00 - 6:00 PM Samaritan House Meal Service, Kloss Hall
7:00 - 9:00 PM Circulo Mujeres ZUMBA, Kloss Hall

Friday, July 3

4:00 - 6:00 PM Church closed- July 4 holiday
NO Samaritan House Meal Service today

Saturday, July 4

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

Sunday, July 5

10:30 - 11:30 AM Worship 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 Bell Choir info session with CJ and Ondine, Choir Room

We Are a Rainbow

an Affirming hymn

mm=80

G C/G D/G G

1. We're the light of all the world,
coat of ma - ny co -
hope to still be - lieve
face the storms of life,

D/F# C/E

we are a cit - y on a hill, We're a can - dle on a stand
lours, sewn from ma - ny dif - f'rent threads, co - v'ring all in warmth, in wel -
in to - mor - row's bet - ter day, We are peace in a world
we will ne - ver be a - lone, For our God will be with

C D7sus4 D7 G

pro - claim - ing light, We will not hide our lamp
come and in grace, God said "Let there be light",
that's torn a - part, We are in joy hand, that will last
us on the way, Hand in hand, side by side,

D/F# Am7

be - neath a bush - el an - y more, We will shine a ray of hope
cre - a - ted e - v'ry va - ried shade, In the rain - bow each of us
in all the strug - gles that we face We are love that blooms and grows
we won't be fright - ened* a - ny more, As the mourn - ing night and tears

D7sus4 Gsus4 G

that's burn - ing bright. Chorus: We are a rain - bow,
can find a place.
in e - v'ry heart.
breaks in - to day.

D/F# D B/D# Em

sign of co - ve - nant and peace For the flood of tears will

Em/D C D7sus4 D7 Gsus4 G

fin - 'ly cease to be, Come shine your rain - bow,

D/F# D7 Am7

splash your hues a - cross the sky, Paint the world in co - lours

*alt: clobbered

Musical score for the hymn "Paint the World in Colors". The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is on a single staff. Chords are indicated above the staff: D7sus4, G, C/G, D/G, G, Am7, and D7sus4. The lyrics are: "proud and bold and free. 1, 2, 3. 2. We're a 3. We are 4. When we Paint the world in co-lours proud and bold and free." A "slower" marking is placed below the second line of music.

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