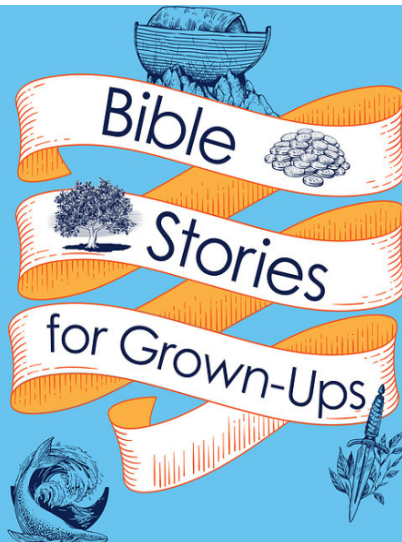


**Congregational Church
of San Mateo**
Iglesia Congregacional de San Mateo



Sunday, August 23, 2026
13th Sunday after
Pentecost

A worship series based on the
book by Josh Scott.

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:** After 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: Congregational Church of San Mateo)



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Accesibilidad / Accessibility

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Order of Service

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

Prelude

Chaconne
J.S. Bach

Liam Young Skeen, viola

Welcome

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

↑ **Call to Worship**

Troy Grabow

Leader: We gather around ancient stories, passed down from generation to generation.

All: We come with open hearts and minds, and a willingness to be surprised.

Leader: These stories remind us that our lives are bound together, and with all of creation.

All: We come seeking compassion, courage, and hope for the world we share.

Leader: So let us listen again for the God who is still speaking.

All: May we have ears to hear and hearts ready to respond as we worship the Source of all life.

↑ 🎵 **Opening Hymn**

All Creatures of our God and King

NCH #17, vs. 1,2,4

To you, O God, all creatures sing, and all creation, everything
Sings your praises, alleluia!

Your burning sun with golden beam, your silver moon with softer gleam
Sing your praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Your wind that blows the tempest by, your clouds that sail across the sky
Sing your praises, alleluia!

Your morning rises with a song, and lights of evening sing along,
Sings your praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

To you, O God, day after day, your planet earth in every way,
Sings your praises, alleluia!

As savory fruit and fragrant flower, show forth your glory and your power,
Singing praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

↑ **Sharing the Peace**

Rev. Álvaro Durán

Invitation to Offering

MELP

Norm Torello

This week's plate offering supports MELP, an all-volunteer non-profit that cleans, repairs, and loans durable medical equipment free to anyone in need. Visit www.freemedequip.org to learn more, donate, or volunteer!

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

Courante

Liam Young Skeen, viola

J.S. Bach

Scripture Readings

Troy Grabow

Genesis 6: 5-8

God saw the great wickedness of the people of earth, that the thoughts in their hearts fashioned nothing but evil. God was sorry that humankind had been created on earth; it pained God's heart. God said, "I will wipe this human race that I have created from the face of the earth—not only the humans, but also the animals, the reptiles, and the birds of the air—for I am sorry that I have made them." But Noah found favor in the eyes of God.

Genesis 7:17-24

The flood continued forty days on the earth, and the waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters. The waters swelled so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered; the waters swelled above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep. And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, domestic animals, wild animals, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all human beings; everything on dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died. He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, human beings and animals and creeping things and birds of the air; they were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left and those with him in the ark. And the waters swelled on the earth for one hundred fifty days.

Genesis 8:15-21

Then God said to Noah, “Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.” So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives. And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families.

Then Noah built an altar to God, and choosing from every clean animal and every clean bird, offered burnt offerings on it. God smelled the sweet fragrance and said, “I will never again curse the ground because of humans, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done.

Sermon

Preventing the Flood

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*

† 🎵 Closing Hymn

Shades of Purple, Shades of Blue

Sung to the tune of “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Shades of purple, shades of blue, green and yellow, orange, red —
Noah and his family, too, saw the rainbow overhead.
God, Creator, high above you displayed your sign of love.

Soon new life was springing forth, filling land and sea and air.
God, you chose to bless the earth with the promise of your care —
And your promised love extends far beyond our human friends.

In the rainbow, you were clear: every living thing has worth.
You love every creature here on this planet we call Earth.
God, forgive when we destroy gifts from you that bring you joy.

May your church begin to see in that rainbow high above:
We are daily called to be stewards of this world you love.
Since the earth is dear to you, may we treat it kindly, too.

↑ Sending Forth & Benediction

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

Postlude

Gigue

Liam Young Skeen, viola

J.S. Bach

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Special thanks to those helping with today's service:

Liturgical Arts Volunteer: Alexandra Gillen
Coffee Hour Volunteers: Sarah Iya, Sharon Tobin & Robert Leung
Musicians leading worship: C.J. Briggs, Ondine Young,
Liam Young Skeen, & members of the 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:

Katherine Vega-Stultz requests prayers for a **dear friend** who is making the unselfish decision to donate one of her kidneys to her brother. Prayers for her and her brother and for all those touched by this life-saving decision.

We surround in prayer the family of **Rev. Derek Terry** and all who know him. Rev. Terry served as the Executive Director of The Opening and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ, and joined us for our joint Pride services earlier this summer with our sister UCC churches.

Ongoing prayers: **Connie Harris**; **Sue Young**, Ondine's Mom; **Terri and Gary Bullis**, Sue Bullis' family members; **Lena Respass**, Rylee Corradini's family member; **Nicolasa**, Josefina's mother; **Jerry & Nancy Nugent**; **Joel Uribe**, father of Victor de la Torre; **Andrew Lind**; **Sabrina**, friend of Mike & Sue Hill; **Heather Morgan**; **Larry Anderson**, friend of Frank Garritano; **John**, Sharon Tobin's son; **Renato Floresca**; **Lynne and Peter**, friends of Lynn Nieberding; Chona Tenderso's friend, **Feljohn Rancap**; **Aprille Espinuevas**, friend of Robert Leung; **Lani Leydig**; **Cheryl Granucci**; Allison Rock and Chris Wuthmann's friend, **Karen**; **Bev Knowlton**; **Mike & Lee Mullery**, **Dottie Scott**

Bulletin Board

Please join us in welcoming and supporting **our new part-time custodian, Phillip Lopez**, who is flying solo this Sunday for the first time!

SECOND HOUR: TRANSIT FOR A GREEN WORLD • TODAY • Following worship TODAY, join us in the Buckham Room for Second Hour to hear activist and friend of Zoe Neil, Una Fonte, discuss the critical intersection of green transit, disability access, and social justice.

KICK OFF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR • TODAY • We are excited to launch our new **Children's & Youth Group** schedule for K–12th graders, meeting every Sunday from 12 - 1PM in the Community Room! Kids and youth will connect faith to daily life through games, service projects, and bring their own creative ideas to life in a fun, flexible environment. Sunday mornings also feature **Joyful Noise Choir at 9:45 AM** and **Faith Formation at 10:45 AM**—come join us as we explore God's love, make music, and build community together this year!

OPEN CATHEDRAL TODAY Help make sandwiches after church TODAY. Join our all-ages assembly line to pack 100 lunches for Open Cathedral to distribute in San Francisco! Meet in the church kitchen after worship.

HELP LEAD WORSHIP • Month of August • During the choir's summer sabbatical, we are looking for voices to help support our worship music by leading hymns with Ondine and CJ from the Chancel. All are welcome to join at 9:45am to review the music and help make a joyful noise! Questions? Email Ondine@ccsm-ucc.org *Note* Chancel Choir rehearsals resume on Thursday, September 3.

CHASE'S FAREWELL BRUNCH • Saturday, August 29 • 10am - 12pm • Join us for a Farewell Brunch Open House for Chase in the Buckham Room! Stop by anytime to thank her for her years of dedicated service. If you'd like to contribute to a love offering in her honor, you can donate online by scanning the QR code and selecting "Love Offering" from the drop-down menu.



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

COASTAL COMMUNITY CLEAN UP • Saturday, September 19 • Join us for coastal cleanup with the Coastside Land Trust on Saturday, September 19, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Venice Beach! Supplies are provided, so if you'd like to join the CCSM group or carpool from the church, contact Katherine Stultz or Thaniel van Amerongen.

SF GIANTS GAME • Wednesday, September 23 • Connect with friends from CCSM and local UCC churches for a 10AM discussion on faith and sports followed by an SF Giants game. \$14 tickets available at the link thru August 24: www.gofevo.com/event/Danvillecongregational2

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.

