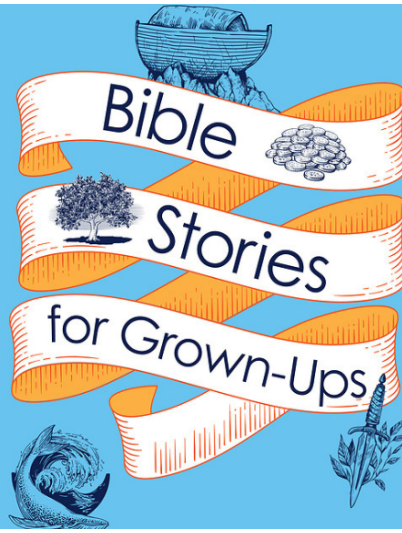


**Congregational Church
of San Mateo**
Iglesia Congregacional de San Mateo



Sunday, August 30, 2026
14th 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 monthly *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

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

Moment for Creation Care

Gary White

↑ Call to Worship

Leader: We gather in wonder before a world alive with the goodness of God.

All: We join the chorus of creation in praise!

Leader: We gather around stories told and retold for generations, stories of faith that still surprise, unsettle, challenge, and invite us deeper.

All: We come ready to listen again, even when the story is hard.

Leader: God is still speaking, through creation, through scripture, and through one another.

All: May we have open hearts, curious minds, and eyes to see anew.

Leader: Come, let us worship our Creator with joy!

↑ 🎵 Opening Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

NCH #4, vs. 1-3

Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, God of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the storms of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays,
Stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, teach us what our praise should be.

You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Loving Spirit, Father, Mother, all who love belong to you;
Teach us how to love each other, by that love our joy renew.

Invitation to Offering

CCSM General Fund

Alexandra Gillen

Forty-six weeks of the year, our plate offerings support ministries and organizations beyond our Tilton Avenue campus. Six times a year, including today, your gifts help support our general operations and enable us to support our faith community, and our neighbors. Whether you're a guest, regular visitor, or pledging member, today you can directly support our ministry in our North Central neighborhood.

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

Come Sunday
By Duke Ellington

CCSM Ensemble

Scripture Reading

Genesis 22:1-19

Carolyn Eidson

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."

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice." So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beer-sheba, and Abraham lived at Beer-sheba.

Sermon

"A New Vision of God"

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

Congregational Prayer

Rev. Álvaro Durán

**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

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare, love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

↑ Sending Forth & Benediction

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

Postlude

C.J .Briggs

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Special thanks to those helping with today's service:

Liturgical Arts Volunteers: Alexandra Gillen, Annette Daniels

Coffee Hour Volunteers: Carol Henton & Sue Hill

Musicians leading worship: C.J. Briggs, Ondine Young, Rick Wind, Ann Wind, Rebecca Ruedy-Whelan,
Michael Whelan, Dawn Graves, and Carole Melis

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:

This week we learned of **Dorothy "Dottie" Scott's** passing on August 17 at age 96. We hold her daughter **Nancy Schaffer** and family in our prayers at this time. There will be a private family service in the East Bay in the coming weeks.

We hold the **people of Nepal**, families, friends, rescue workers, tourists, and loved ones around the globe in our prayers following the devastating floods this past week.

Please keep **Nancy Nugent** in your prayers who is in the hospital in **Palo Alto** fighting an infection.

Sue and Mike Hill ask for prayers for **Sue's brother, Barry LaClair**, who is going through many medical issues and will be in the hospital for at least another week.

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

Ongoing prayers: Connie Harris; Sue Young, Ondine's Mom; Terri and Gary Bullis, Sue Bullis' family

members; **Lena Respress**, Rylee Corradini's family member; **Nicolasa**, Josefina's mother; **Jerry & Nancy Nugent**; **Joel Uribe**, father of Victor de la Torre; **Andrew Lind**; **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**; **Bev Knowlton**; **Mike & Lee Mullery**

Bulletin Board

Please join us in welcoming **our new part-time custodian, Phillip Lopez**, who will be with us now each Sunday!

JOIN THE CHOIR! Do you love to sing? Are you looking for an opportunity to connect outside of worship? Join our CCSM Chancel Choir! Choir rehearsals resume on Thursday, September 3 at 7:00pm with a meeting and light rehearsal. To learn more email Ondine@ccsm-ucc.org or sandra.j.mcnabb@gmail.com All voices, ages, and abilities welcome!

COASTAL COMMUNITY CLEAN UP • Saturday, September 19 • Join us for coastal cleanup with the Coastsides 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.

SLOW READ BOOK CLUB RESUMES THIS SEPTEMBER • Monday, September 21 • 11AM - 12:30PM • Join us on Monday, September 21 as we kick off with *How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith* by Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde. For questions, book suggestions, or help getting a copy, please contact Betsy Woodward or Siew Kang.

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH GROUP • Our new Youth Group schedule for K–12th graders is officially underway! We now meet every Sunday from 12:00 to 1:00 PM in the Community Room. Kids and youth are connecting faith to daily life through games, service projects, and creative ideas in a fun, flexible environment. Plus, don't forget our Sunday morning lineup: **Joyful Noise Choir at 9:45 AM** and **Faith Formation at 10:45 AM**.

SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH WITH TEAM CCSM AT NAMIWALKS • Saturday, Oct. 3rd • Join our church team as we walk for mental health awareness. To register with CCSM or get more details, email Katherine at vegastultz@yahoo.com or visit namiwalks.org.

BLESSING BOX VOLUNTEERS • The Ministry of Service and Justice needs volunteers to keep our Blessing Box stocked! You can help either on a regular Sunday morning schedule or as an on-call backup when others are away. To sign up or learn more, please email Sharon Tobin, sharonrn30@hotmail.com.

Chase's last day with us is this Thursday, September 3rd. Going forward, please reach out to office@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.

