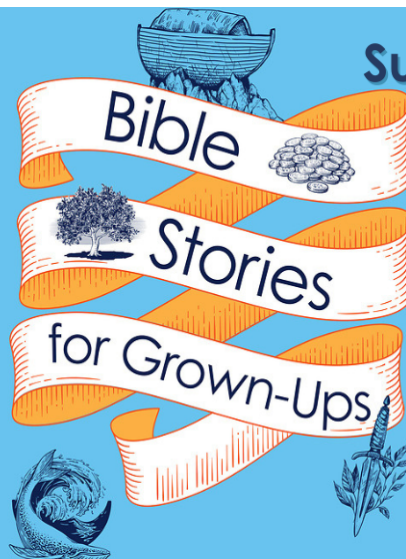


**Congregational Church
of San Mateo**
Iglesia Congregacional de San Mateo



Sunday, September 20, 2026

17th 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.

- **Join us for Youth Group:** 1st–12th graders are invited to join us every Sunday from 12–1 PM in the Community Room! Connect faith to daily life through games, service, and fun activities.

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

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

Tony Gallo

Leader: Today, we climb beyond the familiar, hoping to see an old story from a different place.

All: We come with curious minds, open hearts, and the courage to look again.

Leader: Faith invites us deeper: beyond easy answers, familiar assumptions, and the comfort of certainty.

All: God is not threatened by our questions, but meets us in the asking.

Leader: Today, God is still speaking. Today, grace is still surprising.
Today, salvation is still drawing near.

All: May we be changed by what we hear. Let us worship God.

↑ 🎵 Opening Hymn

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

NCH #42

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories ever echoing the triumphs of God's grace!

My gracious Savior and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

Jesus! The name that calms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease
Is music in the sinner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!

Glory to God, and love and praise be ever, ever given
By all the saints to every age, the church in earth and heaven.

↑ Sharing the Peace

Rev. Álvaro Durán

🎵 Centering Song

C.J. Briggs

Invitation to Offering

Call Primrose

Donna Lindsay

CALL Primrose was founded in 1983 as an information and referral hotline for those in need of grocery assistance within our community. CALL soon became a drop in location in downtown Burlingame for those seeking emergency food assistance. CALL provides free, healthy groceries to families, individuals, seniors and those who are in transition/unhoused. In 2025, CALL Primrose served more than 110,000 bags of groceries to over 78,000 individuals. Anyone in need of grocery assistance is welcome.

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

Kyrie
C.J. Briggs

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

Luke 19: 1-10

Tony Gallo

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

Special Music

Zaccheus Song
The Porter’s Gate

C.J. Briggs

Sermon

“Today”

Rev. Álvaro Durán

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

God of Grace and God of Glory

NCH #436, vs 1,3,5

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
Crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control.
Shame our reckless, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, make our broken spirits whole, make our broken spirits whole.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

↑ Closing Words

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

↑ Sending Forth & Benediction

Rev. Álvaro Durán

Postlude

C.J. Briggs

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Special thanks to those helping with today's service:

Liturgical Arts Volunteer: Annette Daniels & Alexandra Gillen

Coffee Hour: Megan Goulden, Norma Searle & Alison Schwandt

Musicians leading worship: C.J. Briggs, Ondine Young, 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

Please keep **Betsy Woodward** in your prayers as she is home and recovering from a recent hospital stay.

We surround in prayer **Robert Mathura, Suzanne Roseman, and Kayla Mathura** following the death of their son and brother, **Frank Mathura**, on Sunday, September 6. **A Memorial Service will be held at CCSM Today, September 20 at 3pm, with a reception to follow in Kloss Hall.**

Mike and Sue Hill ask for prayers for **Sue's brother Barry** as he prepares for the next step in his ever changing medical journey.

Pablo Rubio asks for your prayers for his upcoming open-heart surgery, scheduled for the end of September, and for his beloved son, **Nicolás**.

Nancy Nugent is rehabilitating at the Belmont Healthcare Center, a skilled nursing facility in the Carlmont area, where she is getting respiratory therapy, PT, and OT. She would enjoy visitors and/or phone calls. A good time to reach her is the late afternoon.

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; 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**

Bulletin Board

JEAN CHAMBERLAIN IS TURNING 100! • Jean Chamberlain will be 100 on Oct 10! Let's shower her with love by mailing a birthday card by the end of the month. Email Carol Henton, carolhenton@aol.com for her address.

LOVE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP • TODAY • We'll gather in the Youth Community Room (Upstairs CE Building) at 12PM for lunch before heading out in teams at 12:30 PM. All ages are welcome! We'll supply vests, gloves, bags, and grabbers—just bring your water bottle and personal gear. See you there!

SLOW READ BOOK CLUB • Monday, September 21 (third Mon of the month) • 11AM - 12:30PM • Join us 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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING • Tuesday, September 22, at 6:30pm via Zoom • All are welcome to attend the next Board of Directors. Contact Frank Garritano for zoom info.

VILLAGE PUB IS BACK • Friday, October 2 • 7PM - 8:30PM • Join us on Friday, October 2nd for a Piano Bar edition of the Village Pub in the Fireplace Room, featuring music from CJ Briggs! Enjoy drinks, snacks, and great conversation with your community—all ages are welcome, and childcare is provided.

SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH 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.

ANIMAL BLESSING • Saturday, October 3 • 4PM • FRONT LAWN Join us for a special Animal Blessing service on the Feast of St. Francis. Bring your furry (and non-furry) friends for a blessing and a chance to connect

with other animal loving members of our community. All animals are welcome, but please keep pets on a leash.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY & POTLUCK LUNCH • Sunday, October 4 • Join us after worship on World Communion Sunday for a global potluck lunch! Bring a favorite dish reflecting your family, culture, or traditions to share as we celebrate our unity around the table (beverages provided).

Calendar visit [CCSM-UCC.ORG/EVENTS](https://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. A weekly events list is posted on the pillar in the Narthex.

Our Guiding Principles: We Are...

A Spiritual Community

We welcome the full participation of believers, agnostics, and skeptics from all faith traditions.

We are all at different places on our spiritual journeys, and we come together to support each other as we seek connection with God through ritual, artistic expression, nature, study, and fellowship.

Christian

We follow Jesus's example as a way of life and a way of love. Following Jesus is rooted in our identity as Christians, and we cherish our tradition's sacred book, the Bible, for its spiritual wisdom contained in symbol, metaphor, and history. We also explore other faith traditions and learn from other sacred texts as we seek to answer Jesus' call to love.

God's Hands, Feet, and Face

We work together to feed the hungry, care for the sick, house the homeless, and advocate for a more just society. We do this knowing that God has no hands but our hands, no feet but our feet and no face but our face.

Inclusive

We celebrate Jesus' teachings of radical equality and the differences among us including, but not limited to: race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, education, sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, language, age, and mental and physical disabilities. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Open Minded

We recognize the inherent worth of each of us, and we listen to different points of view in order to learn and grow. We strive to practice empathy and compassion, and we seek to understand one another.

Evolving

We experience faith as a quest, not a set of absolute truths. We welcome change, seek transformation, and explore new ways of being faithful because we know that God is still speaking.

