

Annual Giving Season



LET'S MAKE SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL



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

Sunday, October 11, 2026
19th Sunday after Pentecost

*"Because of who you are, and where you are
on life's journey, you are welcome here."*

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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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

A Word of Gratitude

Dr. Musimbi Kanyoro

We welcome Dr. Musimbi Kanyoro back to CCSM! She'll join us for happy coffee hour after the service.

↑ Call to Worship

Taylor Hansen

Leader: In the beginning, God made the heavens and the earth,

All: **And God saw that it was good!**

Leader: And so, my friends, whatever is good, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, anything worthy of praise, in short, if there is anything beautiful,

All: **Turn toward these things! Live toward these things!**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Creator of all that is beautiful!

↑ 🎵 Opening Hymn

Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good

#6, vs. 1-2

Sing praise to God, our highest good, profound respect expressing.

God gives us health, life, livelihood, with every needed blessing.

To God, who wondrous works performs, creating life and calming storms,
to God give praise and glory!

Creation thanks you, Holy One: you made us and renew us.

Delighted at what you have done, you show your greatness through us.

So may all living things proclaim the wonders of their Maker's name:
To God give praise and glory!

↑ Sharing the Peace

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

🎵 Centering Song

C.J. Briggs

Invitation to Offering

Cub Scouts of Foster City

Sarah Hansen,
Cub Master Pack 447

Foster City's Pack 447 is an inclusive, co-ed Cub Scout Pack where we believe in nurturing the next generation to love and serve our neighbors. Our Cub Scout Pack instills these values in our younger generations and encourages them to take action. Through local service projects, community clean-ups, and character-building activities, these young scouts are learning what it means to be responsible stewards of our community and environment. Thank you for investing in our youth!

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

Light of a Clear Blue Morning
Dolly Parton, arr. C.J. Briggs

C.J. Briggs, Ondine Young,
& Phil Zamora

Scripture Reading

Mark 8:22-26

Taylor Hansen

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be you.

Sermon

What Would Dolly Do?

K.P. Poggioli

Sermon Response

For the Beauty of the Earth
Rutter

Chancel Choir

Let's Make Something Beautiful: Why I Give

Matthew Bunn

Let's make something beautiful together! **Make your Estimate of Giving today** and invest in CCSM's ministry and mission. Made a commitment last year? It continues automatically, so you only need a new card if you'd like to make a change. **Scan the QR code or fill out an Investment in Ministry & Mission card** (found in your pew or at the Welcome Table in the Narthex). Cards may be returned to an usher or the CCSM office (Attn: Cheryle Matteo). K.P. and Carol will be in Kloss Hall after worship to answer any questions.



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. 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

Take My Gifts

#562

Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shelter, gave me life and set me free,
now because your love has touched me, I have love to give away,
now the bread of love is rising, loaves of love to multiply!

Take the fruit that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
spiced with humor, laced with laughter— flavor of the Jesus life,
tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.

Take whatever I can offer— gifts that I have yet to find,
skills that I am slow to sharpen, talents of the hand and mind,
things made beautiful for others in the place where I must be:
take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

↑ 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 Volunteer: Megan Goulden & Laura Pierce-Mckenzie

Coffee Hour: Latino Ministry

Musicians leading worship: C.J. Briggs, Ondine Young, Philip Zamora, & 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

We surround in prayer **Valerie Leung** and family following the death of her father, **Jim Graham**, on Sunday, October 4.

Chase Montara sends her gratitude to all who attended her farewell brunch and sent gifts and cards of well-wishes. She also sends her thanks and appreciation for your generous Love Offering.

Happy 80th Birthday to **Betsy Woodward**, who celebrated another trip around the sun this past Friday!

Veril Phillips is thankful that his 21-year old granddaughter, who goes by **Max**, has recently moved into a residential program in Wisconsin to treat her long-term mental illness.

We lift up the many families who are battling cancer in all its forms. May God surround them with strength in this journey.

We hold in surround in prayer **Mike and Allen Griffin**, following the death of their mother, **Sally Griffin Olsen**, on September 30. Services will be held at CCSM on Saturday, December 5.

Ongoing prayers: **Pablo Rubio**; **Barry**, Sue Hill's brother; **Connie Harris**; **Terri and Gary Bullis**, Sue Bullis' family members; **Lena Respass**, Rylee Corradini's family member; **Nicolasa**, Josefina's mother; **Jerry 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

The office is closed on Monday, October 12 in observance of Indigenous Peoples Day.

THE EXAMINED LIFE SPEAKER SERIES KICKOFF • Mon, November 16 • 7PM - 8:30PM • We are excited to launch our new series, *The Examined Life*, featuring Stanford Psychology Professor Gregory Walton, PhD, author of *Ordinary Magic*. Dr. Walton's work invites us to reimagine the everyday moments of our lives to unlock deeper purpose. Go here, to buy tickets! <https://tinyurl.com/4xvb6a5t>

SECOND HOUR: THE WHY AND HOW OF GIVING AT CCSM • TODAY • 12-1pm • Buckham Room

As we begin our Annual Giving campaign, join us for a conversation about both the why and the how of giving at CCSM. We'll explore the theology of generosity and stewardship, what our shared giving makes possible, and some of the practical questions about pledging and supporting the ministries of our church.

MUSIC & ART GUILD • October 16 • Noon • Join the Music & Art Guild on Friday, October 16, at noon (Buckham Room) for "Remembering the Dead: Art, Ritual, and Memory," a thoughtful, colorful program led by Rev. Álvaro exploring cultural traditions of loss, memory, and hope. Bring your lunch for fellowship and dessert.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR NANCY NUGENT • Saturday, October 17 • 1pm • Please join us in celebrating the life of Nancy Nugent in the Sanctuary with a reception to follow in Kloss Hall.

ALL AGES CHILDREN & YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE & 60 MINUTES • Sun, Oct 18 • We invite children and youth to join our monthly Children & Youth Worship Service in the CE Building! This special gathering brings kids and youth of all ages together to lead, share their unique gifts, and grow in faith and fellowship. High school students will break out for a 60-minute discussion time in the Fireplace Room. We can't wait to see you there!

SECOND HOUR: PROTECTING WHAT MATTERS- FRAUD, SCAMS, AND STAYING SAFE • October 25 • 12-1pm • Buckham Room • Practical tools for recognizing scams, protecting your financial and personal information, and knowing what to do when something doesn't seem right.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING • October 26 • 7-9pm • Kloss Hall • CCSM's Environmental Justice Committee is seeking 12–15 volunteers to attend a free San Mateo Fire Department training to help prepare the church to serve as an emergency Resiliency Hub. Reach out to Jim Granucci or Gary White if interested.

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS • Wednesday, October 28 • 6pm • Our Latino Ministry will host a special **Día de los Muertos** worship service, where we come together to create our communal remembrance altar. Please bring photographs, commemorative objects and offerings of bread and fruit. This sacred time remembering will be celebrated in a special

ALL SAINTS DAY • Sunday, November 1 • Our All Saints service will be on November 1. We invite you to send in names of your loved ones to be remembered. Please send those names to kim@ccsm-ucc.org by Tuesday, October 27.

COOKING OIL DONATIONS FOR CALL PRIMROSE • CALL Primrose provides free groceries to local families, seniors, and unhoused neighbors in need. We are currently raising funds for cooking oil—just **\$4 buys one bottle**. Please help us meet this target by donating via our website or app, or by check with Call Primrose in the memo.

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. A weekly events list is posted on the pillar in the Narthex.

