

Annual Giving Season



**LET'S MAKE
SOMETHING
BEAUTIFUL**



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

Sunday, October 18, 2026

20th 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. Today will be our Children & Youth Worship Service where children of all ages will lead, share their unique gifts, and grow in faith and fellowship. High school students will break out for a 60-min discussion time in the Fireplace Room.

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 *Nocturne in C# minor* C.J. Briggs
Chopin

Welcome Rev. Jessica Vacketta

Special Invitation: The Examined Life Dave Olson

↑ **Call to Worship** Carole Melis

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

All: And God saw that it was good!

Leader: Day and night, land and sea, filled with creatures great and small.

All: And God saw that it was good!

Leader: And then God made human beings in the divine image, to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

All: And God saw that it was good!

Leader: Born in beauty, called to make creation more beautiful.

All: Let us make something beautiful! Let us worship God!

↑ 🎵 **Opening Hymn** *All Things Bright and Beautiful* NCH #31

Refrain: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, our dear God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings. **Refrain**

The purple headed mountain, the river running by,
The sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. **Refrain**

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one. **Refrain**

↑ **Sharing the Peace** Rev. Jessica Vacketta

Invitation to Offering

CCSM General Fund

David Loughhead

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.

If you made a pledge for 2026, this is a good moment to check in on it. With just a few months left in the year, every pledge fulfilled helps us finish well.

2026 Annual Giving Update:

Pledged for this year: \$507,409.28

Received to date: \$384,752.92

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

Gaelic Blessing
John Rutter

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6: 24-34

Carole Melis

"No one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is

the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Sermon

Where Your Heart Goes

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

Sermon Response

Seek Ye First

Karen Lafferty

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and God’s righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find,
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

Let’s Make Something Beautiful: Why I Give

Boon Kang

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.



GIVING CHART

To calculate your weekly gift, find your income on the left, and read across to the percentage of income you feel called to give on a weekly basis.

ANNUAL INCOME	WEEKLY INCOME	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	15%
20,000	\$385	\$8	\$15	\$23	\$31	\$39	\$58
30,000	577	12	23	35	46	58	87
40,000	769	15	31	46	62	77	115
50,000	962	19	38	58	77	96	144
60,000	1,154	23	46	69	92	115	173
75,000	1,442	29	58	87	115	144	216
100,000	1,923	38	77	115	154	192	288
125,000	2,404	48	96	144	192	240	361
150,000	2,885	58	115	173	231	289	433

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

For the Fruit of All Creation

NCH #425

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God; for good gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe keeping thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will be done; in the help we give our neighbor,
God's will be done. In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God; for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God; for the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

↑ Sending Forth & Benediction

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

Postlude

Fugue in C# minor
J.S.Bach

C.J. Briggs

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Special thanks to those helping with today's service:

Coffee Hour: The Board

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

Surround **Julie Berk** with prayers of healing as she recovers from compression fractures on her tailbone due to a fall last month.

Jean Chamberlain sends a heartfelt thanks for all of the cards sent to her on her 100 birthday!

Please hold **Ashley and Bradford Craddock** in prayer following the death of their beloved English Bulldog, **Reptar**, on September 29. He was the light of their lives.

Please pray for **the Goulden's** friend, **Dina, and her family**, as they continue to care for Loyd, who is in the late stages of early-onset Alzheimer's disease.

Genel Morgan requests prayers for her friend **Dara** who has lymphoma and is now hospitalized.

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.

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 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

PURCHASE TICKETS TODAY! 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/4x83ruwt>

CALL FOR LEADERSHIP NOMINATIONS: The Leadership & Governance Committee invites you to prayerfully consider who among us has the gifts and spirit to serve in leadership for the coming year. Open roles include Board of Directors (2 positions), Ministry Leads (Community Life, Congregational Care), and Committees (Building & Grounds, Endowment, Finance, Leadership & Governance, Pastoral Relations, Personnel)). Nominations may be submitted



online (scan the QR code) or by email to Holly Allen (hollyallen1@yahoo.com). **Submission Deadline: Tuesday, October 27 at 5pm.**

SECOND HOUR CORA • TODAY • 12-1pm • Buckham Room • Join us TODAY to learn how to spot healthy versus unhealthy relationships and safely support loved ones experiencing domestic abuse through CORA, San Mateo County's only agency dedicated exclusively to aiding survivors of intimate partner violence—a crisis impacting 1 in 4 women, 1 in 7 men, 1 in 4 LGBTQ+ individuals, and 80% of homeless mothers.

SLOW-READ BOOK CLUB • Mon, October 19 • 11am-12:30pm • Fireplace Room • Join the Slow-Read Book Club as we continue our journey through Mariann Edgar Budde's *How We Learn to Be Brave*. This month, we'll dive into Chapters 4 and 5 for part two of our discussion. All are welcome to join!!

BURLINGAME MUSIC CLUB • Mon, October 19 • 1-3pm • Kloss Hall • Please join The Burlingame Music Club for their Welcome Back Season Opening Meeting, where guests, churchgoers, and members of the public are warmly invited to connect over hors d'oeuvres and cake, bid on Silent Auction items, and enjoy a featured performance of early jazz and Great American Songbook classics by pianist Eric Shifrin.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING • Tues, October 20 at 6:30pm via Zoom • All are welcome to attend the next Board of Directors. (<https://tinyurl.com/msx84n5r>)

SECOND HOUR: PROTECTING WHAT MATTERS- FRAUD, SCAMS, AND STAYING SAFE • Sun, 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 • Mon, 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 • Wed, 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.

ALL SAINTS DAY • Sun, 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.

SIGN UP TO CO-HOST HAPPY COFFEE HOUR: Thank you to our Happy Coffee Hour hosts for strengthening our CCSM community! We still need 11 hosts for the 2026 schedule on: Nov 8 (2), 15 (1), 22 (1), 29 (2); and Dec 6 (1), 20 (2), 27 (2). Please sign up by emailing Melodie Lew (boygie.m2000@yahoo.com).

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.

Sunday, October 18

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 Worship Service & 60 Minutes, CE Building & Fireplace Room
11:30 - 12:30 PM Coffee Hour, Kloss Hall
12:00 - 1:00 PM Children's & Youth Group, CE Building
12:00 - 1:00 PM 2nd Hour: CORA (Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse), Buckham Room

Monday, October 19

11:00 - 12:00 PM Slow-Read Book Club, Fireplace Room
1:00 - 3:00 PM Burlingame Music Club, Kloss Hall
3:30 - 5:30 PM Samaritan House Meal Service, Kloss Hall

Tuesday, October 20

10:00 - 11:00 AM Men's Coffee Group, SM Library 3rd Floor Patio; contact Peter Held, paheld1417@gmail.com
3:30 - 5:30 PM Samaritan House Meal Service, Kloss Hall
6:30 - 8:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting, via Zoom (<https://tinyurl.com/msx84n5r>)
7:00 - 9:00 PM Circulo Mujeres ZUMBA, Kloss Hall

Wednesday, October 21

3:30 - 5:30 PM Samaritan House Meal Service, Kloss Hall
7:15 - 8:15 PM CYF Playground, Buckham Room
7:15 - 8:30 PM Bilingual Worship Service, Kloss Hall

Thursday, October 22

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
3:30 - 5:30 PM Samaritan House Meal Service, Kloss Hall
7:00 - 8:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
7:00 - 9:00 PM Circulo Mujeres ZUMBA, Kloss Hall

Friday, October 23

3:30 - 5:30 PM Samaritan House Meal Service, Kloss Hall

Saturday, October 24

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

Sunday, October 25

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
12:00 - 1:00 PM Children's & Youth Group, CE Building
12:00 - 1:00 PM 2nd Hour: Protecting What Matters: Fraud, Scams, Buckham Room
12:00 - 1:00 PM Open Cathedral Sandwich Making, Kitchen

