

Annual Giving Season



LET'S MAKE SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL



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

Sunday, October 25, 2026

21st 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

Prelude in C minor BWV 549
J.S. Bach

C.J. Briggs

Welcome

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

↑ **Call to Worship**

Randy Mazzuca

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

All: And God saw that it was good!

Leader: And in the beginning of the church's life,

All: We devoted ourselves to teaching and fellowship,

Leader: To the breaking of bread and the prayers.

All: Awe and wonder came upon everyone,

Leader: And all were together, holding all things in common;

All: All sharing with all, as any had need.

Leader: Come, friends, let us make something beautiful together!

All: Come, let us worship God!

↑ 🎵 **Opening Hymn**

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

NCH, #306

The church of Christ, in every age beset by change, but Spirit led,
Must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry,
For shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.

Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be.
A partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

↑ **Sharing the Peace**

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

🎵 **Centering Song**

C.J. Briggs

Invitation to Offering

World Central Kitchen

Eric Chaney

World Central Kitchen is a global relief organization that quickly provides meals after disasters and humanitarian crises. Founded in 2010 by Chef José Andrés, it uses a practical, locally rooted model—partnering with restaurants, chefs, food trucks, community kitchens, and volunteers already on the ground. Its mission is to meet human needs through direct, compassionate action, because in times of crisis, food is one of the most immediate ways to say, “You are not alone.”

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

The Lord is My Shepherd
John Rutter

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Randy Mazzuca

They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Sermon

For the Love of the World

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

Sermon Response

Make Something Beautiful
Ben Rector

C.J. Briggs

Let's Make Something Beautiful: Why I Give

Ellen Palmer

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.



Next Steps

Carol Henton



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 & Campaign Blessing

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

O Sing to the Lord (Cantai ao Senhor)

Sheet Music on Back of Bulletin

Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo. (3x)

¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!

O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song. (3x)

O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders (3x)

O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets. (3x)

O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya! (3x)

¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!

↑ Sending Forth & Benediction

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

Postlude

Fugue in D Minor BWV 565

C.J. Briggs

J.S. Bach

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Special thanks to those helping with today's service:

Liturgical Arts Volunteer: Betty Till & Annette Daniels

Coffee Hour: Teresa Gebler & Donna Lindsay

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

Please hold **Reyna Sandoval** in your prayers following the death of her mother,

Sue Ingles asks for prayers as she recovers from an emergency surgery. She is recovering well at home.

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

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.

Ongoing prayers: **Ondine Young** and Family; **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

SECOND HOUR: PROTECTING WHAT MATTERS- FRAUD, SCAMS, AND STAYING SAFE • TODAY •

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.

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 by Oct 27 at 5pm.



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/4xvb6a5t>

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

CONCERTS IN AMERICA • Friday, October 30 • 7:30pm • Come and see Ernest Aines: Slow Roll at CCSM. It will be an evening built on a single hinge: the move between the acoustic and the electric. Use the discount code CONGREGATION to get 20% off your ticket(s). <https://concertsinamerica.com/slow-roll/>

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.

SECOND HOUR: 2027 BUDGET PREVIEW AND CONVERSATION HOSTED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

• Sunday, November 8 • 12 - 1PM •

CLEAN OUT THOSE CLOSETS • Saturday, November 14 • 9am - 12pm • Join us for an upcoming donation drive with the Salvation Army at CCSM. Please note: All items must be dropped off during the event window; the church cannot accept early donations. Check Connections for full details on accepted items!

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

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Samaritan House Meals: Mon–Fri, 3:30 PM (Kloss Hall)

Zumba: Tue & Thu, 7:00 PM (Kloss Hall)

Sunday, Oct 25

- 9:15 AM – Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM – Worship (In-Person & Online)
- 10:45 AM – Faith Formation, CE Bldg
- 11:30 AM – Coffee Hour, Kloss Hall
- 12:00 PM – Youth Group (CE Bldg) | 2nd Hour: Scams & Fraud (Buckham Rm)

Monday, Oct 26

- 11:00 AM – Women at the Well, Fireplace Room
- 1:00 PM – Burlingame Music Club, Kloss Hall
- 6:00 PM – Resilient Hub Training, Kloss Hall

Tuesday, Oct 27

- 10:00 AM – Men's Coffee, SM Library Patio (Peter Held: paheld1417@gmail.com)

Wednesday, Oct 28

- 6:00 PM – Dia de los Muertos (Buckham Rm & Sanctuary)

Thursday, Oct 29

- 9:00 AM – Casual Bike Riders (Parking Lot)
- 10:15 AM – Women's Coffee, Fireplace Room
- 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, Oct 31

- 8:30 AM – CC Riders Bike Ride (Peter Held: paheld1417@gmail.com)

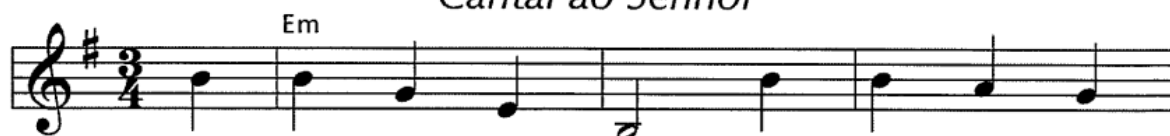
Sunday, Nov 1

- 9:15 AM – Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM – All Saints Day Worship (In-Person & Online)
- 10:45 AM – Faith Formation, CE Bldg
- 11:30 AM – Coffee Hour, Kloss Hall
- 12:00 PM – Youth Group (CE Bldg)
- 5:00 PM – Parent Pub (Buckham Rm)



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O Sing to the Lord

Cantai ao Senhor

1 O sing to the Lord; O sing God a
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the
 4 O shout to our God, who gave us the
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le -



new song. O sing to the Lord; O sing God a
 won - ders. For God is the Lord, and God has done
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 Spir - it. O shout to our God, who gave us the
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 Spir - it. O shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 lu - ia! For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

PORTUGUESE

- 1 *Cantai ao Senhor um cântico novo, (3x)
cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.*
- 2 *Porque ele fez, ele fez maravilhas, (3x)
cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.*
- 3 *Cantai ao Senhor, bendizei o seu nome, (3x)
cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.*
- 4 *É ele quem dá o Espírito Santo, (3x)
cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.*
- 5 *Jesus é o Senhor! Amém, aleluia! (3x)
cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.*

SPANISH

- 1 *Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo. (3x)
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*
- 2 *Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios. (3x)
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*
- 3 *Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa. (3x)
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*
- 4 *Es él quien nos da el Espíritu Santo. (3x)
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*
- 5 *¡Jesus es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya! (3x)
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

MEANINGFUL WAYS TO GIVE

As you prayerfully consider your 2027 gifts, we want you to know the many ways you can make a contribution.



ENDOWMENT & PLANNED GIVING

Support CCSM's long-term legacy through a current or planned gift of any size. **See note below about how to set up a recurring gift in the app.*



DONOR ADVISED FUNDS (DAF)

Fulfill your annual Estimate of Giving directly through your DAF grants.



STOCKS & SECURITIES

Donate stocks directly. Contact Cheryle Matteo at [ccsm-ucc.org](mailto:cmatteo@ccsm-ucc.org) or 650-977-2751 for transfer details.



IRA CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION (ages 70 1/2+)

Transfer funds directly from your IRA as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (RMD)



IN-KIND DONATIONS

Donate office & technology equipment, furniture and fixtures *(subject to current needs and policy)*.



EMPLOYER GIFT MATCHING

Check if your HR department matches donations to faith-based non-profits.

*Set up Recurring Giving in the our Church Center **APP**

Tap Give → Enter Amount → Select General Fund → Choose Frequency → Tap Continue → Select Payment Method → Tap Give Now



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.

