Congregational Church
of San Mateo
Iglesia Congregacional de San Mateo

Sunday, November 22
26th 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 after church.

- **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 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 *Praise His Name* C.J. Briggs
Jeff & Sheri Easter

Welcome Rev. Jessica Vacketta

↑ Call to Worship Cristian Izquierdo

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Worship our Creator with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and come into the sanctuary with praise.

All: Let us give thanks to God and bless God's holy name.

Leader: For God is good;

All: God's steadfast love endures forever! God's faithfulness is for all generations!

Leader: Come, let us worship our generous, life-giving, God!

↑♬ Opening Hymn *Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing* NCH #303, vs. 1-3

Rejoice, give thanks and sing; your Sovereign God adore!
For Christ has robbed death's sting and triumphs ever more.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Our Savior Jesus reigns, the God of truth and love;
The Lamb who purged our stains is crowned with power above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Christ Jesus cannot fail to rule both earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell are to the Savior given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

↑ Sharing the Peace Rev. Álvaro Durán

♬ Centering Song C.J. Briggs

Invitation to Offering Peninsula SPCA Kyra Pesso & Willow

The bond between people and animals brings immeasurable comfort, companionship, and joy to our lives. Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA honors that bond by not only rescuing and sheltering animals in need, but also helping families care for the pets that they love. Through programs offering pet food aid, affordable veterinary services, behavioral guidance, and compassionate resources for those facing difficult circumstances, the organization works to keep animals safe and families together whenever possible. Animal lovers can also make a meaningful difference through a wide range of volunteer opportunities, from hands-on animal care and fostering to community outreach and education.

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 *Simple Gifts* Chancel Choir
Copland

Scripture Reading Ephesians 1: 15-23 Cristian Izquierdo

From the time I first heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have never stopped thanking God for you and remembering you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Savior Jesus Christ, the God of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation, to bring you to a rich knowledge of the Creator.

I pray that God will enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see the hope this call holds for you—the promised glories that God's holy ones will inherit, and the infinitely great power that is exercised for us who believe. You can tell this from the strength of God's power at work in Jesus, the power used to raise Christ from the dead and to seat Christ in heaven at God's right hand, far above every sovereignty, authority, power or dominion, and above any other name that can be named— not only in this age, but also in the age to come. God has put all things under Christ's feet and made Christ as the ruler of everything, the head of the church, and the church is Christ's body; it's the fullness of the One who fills all of creation.

Sermon Rev. Jessica Vacketta

Congregational Prayer Rev. Álvaro Durán

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.

Annual Giving Campaign Update Carol Henton & KP Poggioli



Make your Estimate of Giving pledge today and invest in CCSM's ministry and mission. Scan the QR code or fill out a pledge 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)*

↑♬ Closing Song *O for a World* #575 vs. 1-3, 5

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

↑Sending Forth & Benediction Rev. Jessica Vacketta

Postlude *"Minute" Waltz in D flat major* C.J. Briggs
Frederic Chopin

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Special thanks to those helping with today's service:
Liturgical Arts Volunteers
Coffee Hour Hosts: Krystal Burndon & Leslie; Tina Shulkamp & JW Lowrie
Musicians leading worship: C.J. Briggs, Dr. Ondine Young, and 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.

Diane Kalliam is at home with pneumonia, which has lingered for more than a few weeks. She's on medications and is hoping to feel better soon.

We hold **Oscar Acuña** in our prayers following the death of his mother **María Elena Rivera de Acuña** on November 14. It is an especially difficult time for Oscar as he was unable to travel to El Salvador to be with her.

Please keep **Nancy Hilbrick** in your prayers, a friend of **Barbara Cormack**, as she deals with a return of cancer that is no longer treatable.

I ask for prayers today for all who work towards sobriety by taking a step forward and then take a step back with relapse - praying for their strength to take another step forward from there.

Ongoing prayers: Ondine Young and Family**; Pablo Rubio; Connie Harris; Terri and Gary Bullis,** Sue Bullis' family members; **Lena Respess,** Rylee Corradini's family member; **Nicolasa**, Josefina's mother; **Jerry Nugent; 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

OPEN CATHEDRAL TODAY • Help make sandwiches after church TODAY. Join our all-ages assembly line to pack 100 lunches for Open Cathedral to distribute in San Francisco! Meet in the church kitchen after worship.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE • Pick a LifeMoves wish-list ornament on the loggia after worship (Nov. 29, Dec. 6, or Dec. 13) and return the unwrapped gift to the office by Dec. 15. Questions? Contact Melodie Lew, boygie.m2000@yahoo.com.

KNIT OR CROCHET FOR A CAUSE! Make scarves and hats for pastoral care and Samaritan House guests—we'll provide the yarn! Contact Susan Campo (scampo312@gmail.com) to get started.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP: We hope you'll join us for one of our three Christmas Eve services: Traditional Worship at **12:00 PM**, our Bilingual Family Service at **5:00 PM**, and our Candlelight Service at **11:00 PM**.

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK SERVICE • Wednesday, Nov 25 • 7:00 • Join us for a special bilingual event led by Revs. Jessica and Álvaro. It will be an intimate gathering around tables to share prayers, break bread, and express gratitude for our year of blessings. The church provides the turkey; please bring a side dish or dessert!

2ND ANNUAL FAMILY TREE LIGHTING FESTIVAL • Sunday, Nov 29 • 5 - 7pm • Let's kick off the Advent season with our neighbors in true CCSM style — with chili, cocoa, carols, cookies, and crafts. Join in the countdown to our tree lighting at 6 PM with a live tree. It's the perfect way to welcome the advent season! Help make this event a success by signing up here https://tinyurl.com/45xye236

MUSICAL HOLIDAY TAPAS • Saturday, Dec 5 • 6:30 - 9pm • Join us for the 3rd Annual Musical Tapas Program featuring CCSM's Chris Yeh on violin alongside a festive mix of Irish tunes, chamber works, and Christmas carols. The evening begins with a welcome reception, followed by the concert and cookies.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP •. If you are navigating grief, you don't have to walk this path alone. Join Rev. Dr. Kim Engelmann for a **six-week, faith-based grief support group** starting **Wednesday, January 20. We will meet weekly through March 3, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM** in the CCSM Library.You don't need to share or have the right words. Just come as you are. Pick up a brochure at the welcome table to learn more, or email office@ccsm-ucc.org to sign up. *You must sign up in advance*Decorating for Advent

CHRISTMAS "GLITTER" NEEDED • We're seeking donations of festive decor—like extra-wide ribbon, spare ornaments, holiday trim, and artificial flowers—to make our annual wreath-making tradition shine. Please drop off any extra supplies in the church office prior to the Family Tree Lighting Festival.

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.

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS
Samaritan House Meals: Mon–Wed, 3:30 PM, Kloss Hall
Zumba: Tue, 7:00 PM, Kloss Hall

Sunday, Nov 22
- 9:15 AM – Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
- 9:45 AM – Joyful Noise Choir, Fireplace Rm
- 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

Monday, Nov 23
- 11:00 AM – Women at the Well, Fireplace Room Bldg

Tuesday, Nov 24
- 10:00 AM – Men's Coffee, SM Library Patio

Wednesday, Nov 25
- 7:00 PM – Thanksgiving Potluck, Kloss Hall

Thursday, Nov 26
Happy Thanksgiving - office will be closed

Saturday, Nov 28
- 8:30 AM – CC Riders Bike Ride

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- 5:00 PM – Family Tree Lighting Festival

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