

Community Congregational Church Of Chula Vista United Church of Christ



World Communion Sunday offers congregations a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, they remember that they are part of the whole body of believers. Whether shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, in a meetinghouse, or in a storefront, Christians celebrate the communion liturgy in as many ways as there are congregations. World Communion Sunday can be both a profound worship experience and a time for learning more about our wider community of faith.

*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 3, 2021*

**Means please stand, as you are able*

Prelude

Lionel Jasmin

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Liz Aguilar

Liturgist

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Call To Worship (Responsively)

Leader: Throughout God's world this day Christian churches are celebrating the Eucharist as one family dining together in one room under one roof.

People: **Our sisters and brothers in Africa, Europe, Central America, Asia and in all lands and countries join us in lifting the bread of life and the cup of salvation.**

Leader: Neither powers nor principalities shall stop us nor deter our purpose, our sense of mission, or our challenge to go forth as disciples into every town, village, and crossroad proclaiming the love of Christ for all creation.

People: In Christ's love there is no East, no West, no North, no South, but only one Spirit of hope, love, and peace for all.

Leader: Let us praise Christ! May this holy meal empower each of us to be agents of hope and peace in a time of uncertainty and strife.

People: The bread and wine are not for us alone, but are symbols of a universal message that surpasses the might of missiles and the walls of oppression.

Leader: May Christ bless the worldwide communion of the church this day!

All: Praise be to Christ our Creator, Redeemer, and Savior! Amen.

Prayer of Invocation: (In unison)

God of all creation, on this World Communion Sunday we are reminded of your great love for all of your children around the world. You made us in your own image. We are so grateful for your love that shows no impartiality due to race, creed, or nationality. Help us now, Holy Spirit to worship you fully and in so doing, may we be filled with your sense of purpose, promise, and hope. Help us to join with brothers in sisters in Christ, in common unity and faith in you. In the loving name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Hymn of Praise: (Black) #394

“In Christ There is No East or West”

vs. 1,2 & 4

Children’s Story

Rev. Dr. Jamall Calloway

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

**Pastor Liz &
Ester Banayo**

Choir Anthem

“Communion Prayer”

Scripture Reading

**Matthew 26: 39;
I Corinthians 11: 23-27**

Sermon

“A Very Difficult Cup”

Dr. Jamall Calloway

Communion Homily

Pastor Liz

Communion Song

**“As We Gather at Your Table”
(331, NCH, Verses 1 and 3)**

Holy Communion

The table of bread and wine is set and is now ready for us. So, you are now invited to the table where the body and blessings of Jesus awaits you. You are invited, those who are weak and need strength, those who are lost and need guidance, those who are struggling and need help.

Whoever you are, you are invited and more than welcome to the table. Jesus invites us, is waiting for us, and wants us there. You are invited.

Call to Confession

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession in Unison:

Today, God, we confess our fumbling and failures in accomplishing unity, as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task. On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere. Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere. Forgive us our sins. We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer of Consecration (In Unison):

Dear God, on this world communion Sunday, help us examine our hearts and guide us in the ways that will not only be pleasing to you, but worthy of Jesus' sacrifice. We partake of the bread and wine and say thank you for the Body of Christ. As we finish, oh God, stir us, challenge us, stretch us, and create a clean heart within us. Beckon us, dear God. Input a nagging desire to give without keeping record; to forgive without clenching resentment; to analyze without self-righteousness; and to remember that we too are earthen vessels who fall short and need help. Bless this cup and this bread that it may nourish us to be your faithful followers, now and always. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Words of Institution:

Pastor Liz

The Lord's Prayer

****Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)***

Thank you, living Jesus, for your great sacrifice on the behalf of all your children throughout the world. May this sacrament of communion unite us with you and with all so that we may truly care for the well-being of your whole creation. May we be moved by Christ's impartial love and in so doing, always keep our circle of Christian love open.

May we never be tired of working for unity across lines and may we may find our love for you to be our common witness. Amen.

Offertory

***Offering Response *Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God for all that love has done,
Creator, Christ and Spirit one. Amen**

Prayer of Dedication:

Having received new life through the generosity of God and the hope Christ brings, le us give thankfully and abundantly that we may be called God's generous people. Bless these offerings O God, and use them according to your will and purpose. Amen.

Closing Hymn: (Black) # 402

**“De Colores”
vs. 1,2, & 4**

Benediction

Postlude

Lionel Jasmin

Announcements

Today you will have received a Disaster Relief Brochure from The Mission Board. We hope that every family can take one home with them. They are available in English, Spanish, and Tagalog. As a church that cares for its members and community, we want to make sure that everyone feels as prepared as possible, should a disaster occur. Thank you Mission Board!

Staff will meet on Monday, October 4, at 12:30 p.m. via zoom.

Bible Study with Rev. Victoria continues every Thursday at 11 a.m. - On Oct. 7th Thursday, we'll complete the Lord's Prayer Study. Then- **Pastor Victoria is on vacation- Oct. 12th-24th.** We'll begin the study of Paul's life and writings on Thursday Oct. 26th in the courtyard at 11am. **Please call to order the book, as we only have 5 and they are already spoken for.**

Next Sunday Rev. Victoria will preach and Kyle and Gracelyn Limbo's baby, Sylas, will be baptized! You won't want to miss worship!

SUNDAY SCHOOL ON ZOOM resumes on Saturday, October 16th at 10 a.m. and October 30th at 11 a.m. Parents, please look for an up-coming email with the zoom link information!

Pastor Liz will be away October 8th-11th. If you need immediate pastoral support, please call Rev. Victoria at (619) 436-9703.

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*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey...
you are welcome here!*

Welcome! Mabuhay! Bienvenidos!

We welcome you in the name of the still speaking God!
We invite all **guests** to please **PRINT** their name and contact info
on the **"Information Card"** in the pew rack and place the card
in the offering plate. Anyone with a prayer request,
please put it on the **"Information Card"** and place it in the offering plate.

If you need assistance, please ask our Greeters.

Media Ministry: David Gonzalez, Laurie Orange, Jerry May, Judy May

New Members are welcomed on a regular basis! If you would like to join the
family of CCCC, please talk with one of the pastors today!

Senior Minister.....	Rev. Elizabeth Aguilar
Associate for Senior Ministry.....	Rev. Victoria Freiheit
Minister of Visitation.....	Pastor James Donahoo
Office Assistant.....	Sabrina Mosqueda
Director of Administrative Ministries	Amber Ashford
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries.....	Rev. Dr. Jamall Calloway
Church Musician.....	Lionel Jasmin
Parish Visitor.....	Erika Dennis
Parish Nurse.....	Luz Barrera
Event Coordinator.....	Sylvia Campbell
Sexton.....	Pelito Capistrano