

**Community Congregational Church
of Chula Vista
United Church of Christ**



Thoughts Before Worship:

Edgar A Guest said: make every day a Thanksgiving day!

**At table bow your heads and pray
And give your hearts to God above
In gratitude for all His love.**

**Genesis 31:49 (Mizpah) "May the Lord watch between you and me,
when we are absent one from another."**

**First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021**

**Means please stand, as you are able*

Prelude

Lionel Jasmin & Chaz Keith

Welcome, Announcements, & Prayer

Rev. Victoria Freheit

Call To Worship (Unison) Psalm 21:13

Chris Dunn

Be exalted, O Lord in Thy strength!

We will sing and praise Thy power.

Hymn of Gathering: “Come, Ye Thankful People Come” vs. 1-4

Pilgrim Responsive Reading:

Ko Tangen: Some of us look like the Spanish, who came in big ships. They took the land from the Indians, and thought it was theirs. With them we are pilgrims in this land.

People: **We thank you God, that you are a pilgrim with us.**

Ester Banayo: Some of us look like the English, who also came in big ships. They took the land from the Indians and the Spanish, and thought it was theirs. With them we are pilgrims in this land.

People: **We thank you God, that you are a pilgrim with us.**

Reuben Barrera: Some of us look like the Africans, who also came in big ships. They did not choose to come, and they had no land, and no freedom. With them we are pilgrims in this land.

People: We thank you God, that you are a pilgrim with us.

Rev. Jamall Calloway: Some of us look like Asians, who came in big ships across the other ocean. They came looking for work and freedom, and many found discrimination and injustice. With them we are pilgrims in this land.

People: We thank you God, that you are a pilgrim with us.

Echo Stafford: All of us are different. No two of us look exactly alike. But we are all made in the image of God, who came to earth that we might be one.

People: Together with pilgrims past and those yet to come, we thank you God, for who we are, and we pray that you show us what we are to be Amen.

Advent Hymn: (Red) # 166

**“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”
vs. 1-3**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Chris Dunn

Gentle God, fill us now with your whispered hope. Let us hear your voice reminding us gently of the hope you have given us. In the busyness of the next few weeks, help us to remember the One who came to give us hope- Jesus the Christ!"

Choir Anthem

"His Eye is on the Sparrow"

Sermon & Scripture: "T-h-a-n-k-s-g-i-v-i-n-g" Rev. Victoria Freiheit

Prayers: Congregation, Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Chris Dunn

Offertory

Lionel Jasmin & Chaz Keith

***Offering Response *Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

We give thee but thine own, what we're the gift may be. All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord from Thee. Amen.

Closing Hymn: (Red) #107

"Amazing Grace"

vs. 1,2, & 5

Benediction

Rev. Victoria Freiheit

Postlude

Lionel Jasmin & Chaz Keith

Announcements

Welcome to Community Congregational Church of Chula Vista, United Church of Christ! Thank you for joining us, today. After worship, please join us in Bradley Hall (across the courtyard) for some refreshments and conversation. We hope that you feel welcomed and that you consider making this your church home. Please fill out a Welcome Card in the pew if we do not have your information yet and/or if you would like to be included on our mailing/email list.

We thank Pelito, our custodian, and Sylvia, head deacon, for their hard work to beautify our sanctuary! We also thank Rev. Victoria and Chris Dunn for leading us in worship today. Pastor Liz will be back in the church office tomorrow, the 29th.

A word of thanks come from our friends at Community Through Hope for the donations of food that we provided for them last Sunday. It will go to help feed unsheltered people in this area.

Once again, we are donating Christmas gifts to Migrants at Camino De Salvacion, Migrant Shelter. Please refer to the flyer with the list of needed items either on the bulletin boards or in our next Chimes, (which is coming to us this week). Please make sure to bring the gifts unwrapped and place them in the box provided, in the narthex.

A gentle reminder, we are still wearing masks during worship.

This week's activities include:

- Tuesday: Quilters at 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday: Tower Party (see Echo Stafford for details)
- Friday: Bible Study at 10 a.m. with Rev. Victoria
- Saturday: Art Group at 10 a.m. in Small Dining Room
- Monday, December 6: Memorial Service at 10 a.m. for

Amber Ashford

**The Friday Bible study will resume Dec. 3, 10 am (patio or lounge) due to long Thanksgiving weekend. We have one more book about Paul's life if you would like to join us. It is a very engaging study!

Jerry May- Chair, Board of Trustees: We are pleased to announce we have met the requirements to have our church be placed on the authorized charities list for Amazon Smile. You can specify our church as the recipient for your charitable donation when you purchase products on the Amazon Smile website.

The instructions for specifying our church as your choice for charitable giving are:

Go to Amazon Smile; Go to "Your Account"; Go to "Other Programs"; Select "Change your Amazon charity"; Go to "Pick your own charitable organization"; Input "Community Congregational UCC"; Pick the one that says Chula Vista, Ca; "Select"



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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: 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 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