Community Congregational Church of Chula Vista United Church of Christ



Joseph went up to Bethlehem to register with Mary, who was pleged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time was fulfilled for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. (Luke 2:5-6)

Service of Lessons and Carols December 26, 2021

*Means please stand, as you are able

Prelude

Lionel Jasmin & Chaz Keith

Welcome, Announcements, & Prayer

Call To Worship:

Ester Banayo

Rev. Liz Aguilar

- Leader: Let us celebrate Christmas in the Spirit of Jesus Christ, who came to us from the heart of God's own being, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness.
- **Pastor:** Like Jesus, we would seek at this season more to give than to receive, and more to love than to be loved.
- Leader: We celebrate God's entering in our lives in human form, to bring light to all the world.
- All: May every knee bow before the newborn Savior; with the angels, may every tongue sing: Glory to God in the highest! Amen.

Prayer of Invocation: Ester Banayo Loving God, who stopped at nothing to show us your great love; we come this morning to sing hymns of joy and thanksgiving for your Son Jesus Christ. Fill us, Holy Spirit, with your joy as we worship your Holy Name on this last Sunday of the year. May all that we say, sing, hear, and do bring you glory, honor, and praise. Amen.

First Lesson: The Prophet Announces The Birth of a King Isaiah 9:2,6-7 "All the Earth Is Waiting/ Toda La Tierra"- (Black) #121; vs. 1&4			
Second Lesson:			
A Ruler From Bethlehem is ForetoldMicah 5:2-4"O Little Town of Bethlehem"- (Red) #178; vs. 1			
Third Lesson:			
The Angel Gabriel's Announcement to MaryLuke 1:26-38"Away In a Manger" – (Red) #185; vs. 1			
Fourth Lesson:Jesus is Born!Luke 2:1-7"The First Noel"- (Red) #179; vs. 1 & 2			
Fifth Lesson:			
The Shepherds and the Angels Luke 2:8-20 "Angels We Have Heard on High"- (Red) #192; vs. 1 & 3			
Sixth Lesson:			
The Wise Men Follow The Star Matthew 2:1-11 "We Three Kings of Orient Are" – (Red) #206; vs. 1			
Seventh Lesson			
John Unfolds the Great Mystery of the Incarnation John 1:1-14 * "Joy to the World" – (Red) #171; vs. 1 & 4			

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Liz

Offertory	"Good Kings Wenceslas"	Chris Dunn	
*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 (unison) All: Thank you, O God, for the privilege to worship you with our songs, voices, music and offerings. We ask that you would bless all of it and use it to be a blessing to others, in your name. Amen.			
*Closing Hyn	nn: "Go Tell It Or	n The Mountain" vs. 1,2, & 3	
*Benediction		Pastor Liz	
Postlude	Lionel Jasr	min & Chaz Keith	
	Merry Christmas		

Announcements

Welcome to Worship! Thank you for joining us, today! We hope that you can consider making this your church home. If we do not have your information yet please fill out a welcome card in the pew, in front of you. If you have any questions regarding our church, please speak to one of the pastors or to an usher. Please join us for fellowship after worship!

****PLEASE** remember to wear masks at all times

Please note: The office will be closed from December 27-31. Rev. Victoria and Rev. Liz are on vacation. **However, for any Pastoral Emergencies please call Rev. Liz at (617) 359-9585.**

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"

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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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, Kevin Hewitt, Ko Tangen

New Members are welcomed on a regular basis! If you would like to join the family of CCCCV, 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	v 1
Sexton	Pelito Capistrano