

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



***As we wander on this journey,
May God the Divine Light open our souls to healing and
wisdom. May Christ the Sojourner lead us into oases of
renewal in arid and barren times. May the Spirit of Hope fill
us with courage to carry on. As Jesus embraced the
struggles of the wilderness, may we find strength to abide
in our wilderness of the soul. Amen***

First Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2022

**Means please stand, as you are able*

Prelude

Lionel Jasmin

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Liz Aguilar

Liturgist

Belen Hebreo

Call To Worship (Responsively)

Leader: When Jesus was in the wilderness, he was tempted to save himself.

People: We often look for the good things for ourselves first, before the well-being of others.

Leader: Jesus was offered salvation if he turned stones to bread; if he accepted wealth and power; if he tested God's commitment to him.

People: In all these things, Jesus remained strong in his commitment to God.

Leader: May our commitment be as strong.

All: May our lives be placed in God's caring hands throughout our journey. AMEN.

Prayer of Invocation: (In unison)

Lord, the temptations of the world loom large before us. We are enticed, cajoled, and “sweet-talked” into moving from lives of service to lives of self-centeredness. We need your healing love. As you resisted the temptations in the wilderness, help us to place our trust in you, that we may be strong in our faith and confident in our service to you through serving others. Help us to worship you now, AMEN.

Hymn of Praise: (Black) # 211

**“Lord, Who Throughout These 40 Days”
vs. 1 & 2**

Children’s Story

**Choir Anthem “For the Bread Which You Have Broken”
“Let Us Break Bread Together”**

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Reading

**Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16;
Luke 4:1-13**

Communion Meditation

Communion Hymn: “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Holy Communion (See Insert)

Invitation to the Offering

Belen Hebreo

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 (unison)**

Mighty God, as we remember the strength of Jesus facing the temptation offered by the devil, we remember too clearly how the temptations of food, of authority, and power have overcome us. We've been tricked to believe our wants were needs and more is always better. May we offer our gifts to you this day with generosity and gratitude; strengthen us to resist temptation that would present security or power in anyone but you. In Christ, we pray. Amen. (Luke 4:1-13)

Closing Hymn: (Red) # 407

**“Lead Me To Calvary”
vs. 1,2, & 4**

Benediction

Postlude

Lionel Jasmin

Announcements

Welcome to worship! We are so happy you are here. Please make sure to fill out an information card if this is your first time, here. Also, everyone is invited to stay for fellowship today, which we are resuming inside of Bradley Hall. We ask that everyone continue to wear a mask unless eating.

Today is the 1st Sunday of Lent! Lent lasts 40 days and culminates with Holy Week. You will notice that our music, scripture lessons and the liturgy will all focus on Jesus's last days leading up to his arrest, crucifixion and resurrection. We hope that you make CCCV a part of your Lenten journey. We have Lenten Devotionals available for every family to take, in the narthex. We also have prayers prepared for our use, as well.

Today, after worship, the Christian Education Team will be gathering in the new Sunday School Classroom. They are meeting to make last minute preparations for in-person SUNDAY SCHOOL which begins on March 13 (next Sunday). Then, on March 13th everyone is invited to our NEW CLASSROOM OPEN HOUSE, right after worship!

Staff Meets tomorrow, March 7 at 12:30 p.m. via zoom and in person.

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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: Bernard 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
Financial Secretary.....	Corinne McCall
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries.....	Rev. Dr. Jamall Calloway
Music Minister.....	Lionel Jasmin
Parish Visitor.....	Erika Dennis
Parish Nurse.....	Luz Barrera
Event Coordinator.....	Sylvia Campbell
Sexton.....	Pelito Capistrano