Community Congregational Church Of Chula Vista United Church of Christ

"Pressing On Toward the Goal"

Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 3, 2022

*Means please stand, as you are able

Prelude

Lionel Jasmin & Chaz Keith

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Liz Aguilar

Liturgist

Call To Worship (Responsively)

Leader: Blessed are those who pray.

People: For prayer is communication with God.

Leader: Communicate your concerns to the heavens.

People: For God not only hears but takes our concerns into account

and conjoins them with the concerns in God's heart.

Leader: Therefore, pray. Pray for peace, pray for justice, pray for a new

world where all of God's children can be free.

All: Together, we will pray for freedom. We will keep our eyes

open to injustice and press on the mark of the higher calling.

And that calling is to help bring salvation for all, including

ourselves. Amen.

Prayer of Invocation: (In unison)

Dear God,

First, we collectively kneel ourselves in front of you expressing gratefulness, genuinely, for your faithfulness and presence in our lives. You are a God who not only creates, who provides, and who produces, but you are a God who remains close and steadfast. You remain near us even when it is hard for us to remain near each other.

Hold us, dear God. Create in us a clean heart and show us your ways. Assist us in creating a world where wars won't be necessary, where leaders won't assume your place, and where people of faith and goodwill won't be lost and confused about what to do. Provide us with clarity, oh God. Lastly, we thank you for being a God of righteousness, of justice, of fairness, and equality. We thank you for loving us and for never making us feel like our plight is incoherent to you. We thank you for never making us feel like our fight for goodness and mercy is in vain. We thank you for never making us feel like our prayers are a nuisance or our pleas are insignificant. We thank you dear God. Please forgive us our sins and help us deliver your message. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: (Red) #284 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

vs. 1,2, & 3

Children's Story Rev. Jamall Calloway

Choir Anthem "You Are The Bread"

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading Philippians 3:4b-14

Communion Meditation: "Pressing on Toward the Prize"

Holy Communion (See Insert):

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Alejandro Tapia and Tanya Tapia

*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)

Loving God, you give and give, and didn't think the life of your son was too high a price to pay for our salvation. Jesus' life was an example of sacrificial giving, all the way to the cross. As we give this day, we want our gifts to impact the world, but even more, we want them to bring glory to Christ, who lived and died for all your children. Help us to not hold back anything. We pray in the name of your son, our savior and redeemer, Amen.

Benediction

Postlude Lionel Jasmin

Announcements

Welcome to Worship! Thank you for being with us to worship God together, today. If you are here for the first time please fill out an information card located in front of you and then place it in the offering plate. Remember, that, "no matter who you are or where you are life's journey, you are welcome here!"

THIS WEEKS ACTIVITIES:

TOMORROW! Join us for an informative time with Rev. Tarpley (pastor and UCSD history professor!) We will gather in Bradley Hall and live-stream the event at 10 a.m. Please rsvp asap with Sabrina (office assistant) if you plan to attend by either calling the church office or emailing her at sabrinacccv@outlook.com

Staff has their monthly meeting on Monday at 12:30 p.m. in person and on zoom.

Mission Board meets on Wednesday at 11 a.m.

CAN YOU HELP SET-UP OUR TABLE AND/OR GREET PEOPLE FROM OUR COMMUNITY AT THE EARTH DAY EVENT, AT MEMORIAL PARK, ON <u>SAT.</u>, <u>APRIL 9th?</u> It's a fun event which the City of CV sponsors. We participate by letting people know that we care about the earth and are committed to bring solutions to climate change. It is also a fun way to invite people to get to know our church! If you can help, please speak with Lynn DeHahn (619) 890-1023!

NEXT SUNDAY IS PALM SUNDAY AND THE BEGINNING OF HOLY WEEK! Plan on attending our special worship services and bring a friend or family member! (See next page.)

Holy Week April 10-April 17

Palm Sunday: April 10th (Live, in-person and on-line)

Let us celebrate Jesus's entry into Jerusalem! We will have a special processional with palms; special music and New Members will be received during worship!

Good Friday Tenebrae Service: April 15 at 6 p.m.

Join Christians around the world on this holy night in giving thanks to Jesus, for His great sacrifice for our sins.

It will be a service of scripture and hymns with various readers, special music, a short homily and the extinguishing of candles.

Easter Egg Hunt; Saturday, April 16th at 1:00 p.m.

An Easter Egg Hunt will take place at the parsonage (759 Bajo Court in Chula Vista) for Sunday School students and their parents! It will be hosted by the Christian Education team. Parents, please RSVP to JCalloway@sandiego.edu

EASTER SUNDAY: April 17 at 9:30 a.m.
(Live, in-person and on-line)
Join us for a festive worship service with the
Choir singing an Easter Cantata!

Guest organist: Margaret Gaillard

A special fellowship with smoked brisket will be shared after worship!

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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 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
Financial Secretary	Corinne McCall
Minister for Christian Ed and Social Justice	Rev. Dr. Jamall Calloway
Music Minister	Lionel Jasmin
Parish Visitor	Erika Dennis
Parish Nurse	Luz Barrera
Event Coordinator	Sylvia Campbell
Sexton	Pelito Capistrano
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