

COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF CHULA
VISTA
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



For we are his
WORKMANSHIP
created in
CHRIST JESUS
for EPH 2:10
Good works
which
GOD PREPARED
before that we would
WALK in
them
EPHESIANS 2:10

WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30 A.M.

June 19, 2022

Second Sunday After Pentecost

Father's Day and Pastor Liz's Last Sunday

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

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Prelude		Margaret Gaillard
Tribute to Fathers	“Meditation” by Massenet “He is a Good, Good Father” by Chris Tomlin	Cellist- Richard Nguyen Lionel Jasmin
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Liz Aguilar
Liturgist		Mike Bishop

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Listen to the good news. God is with us, this day and every day.

People: Because God is with us, we can face each day with courage. We can find some good in everything, for we are never completely alone.

Leader: God’s goodness sometimes seems to be a trickle, sometimes pulsing spurts, and sometimes a mighty flood. But always, God is with us.

All: We worship you, O God, for your goodness. We praise you with our songs. We seek you in our prayers. We offer ourselves to you because you are God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

Loving, holy God, we thank you for the opportunity you give us to worship you in Spirit and in truth. Enable us to sing your praises, listen to your Word, and seek your presence. This morning we are grateful for the fathers of this congregation and all those who parent children. Be with them, O God, filling them with the strength, the patience, the joy, and the satisfaction of caring for and providing for their children. Be with us now as we also give thanks for the ministry of Pastor Liz, amongst us. All glory and power be unto you O God, our Lord and our Redeemer. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Joyful, Joyful We Adore You (Black) #4; Verses 1,2, and 4

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORDS'S PRAYER (debts) Pastor Liz

CHOIR ANTHEM "BORNING CRY" by John Ylvisaker Flautist Christine Ogden

CHILDREN'S STORY Pastor Liz

SCRIPTURE READING Mike Bishop

Psalm 46;1-3, 10-11 (NRSV)

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

³though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth.”

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Ephesians 4;1-6, 11-16 (NRSV)

4 I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: ⁴there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

¹¹ He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, ¹ to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; ¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

HOMILY

“Why Not?”

Pastor Liz

**REMEMBRANCE, RECOGNITION AND RELEASE
OF REV. ELIZABETH AGUILAR, SENIOR PASTOR OF
COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF CHULA VISTA**

Moderator- Mike Bishop

Our church family is constantly changing. People come and go. Babies are born. Children grow up. People commit themselves to one another. Loved ones and friends among us come to the end of their lives. Individuals move into our community and church life. Others leave us, moving away to new places, new experience, and new opportunities.

It is important and right that we recognize this time of passage, of ending, and beginning. Today, we share the time of farewell with our Senior Pastor, The Rev. Elizabeth Aguilar.

Words of Appreciation

Mike Bishop

Recognition of the End

Moderator: *On October 14, 2018, this local church called Rev. Elizabeth Aguilar to serve as our Senior Pastor.*

Pastor: *I thank Community Congregational Church of Chula Vista, its members and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown me these last 3.5 years. I ask forgiveness for any mistakes I may have made. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.*

Congregation: *We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.*

Pastor: *I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.*

Vows of Release

Moderator: *Do you, the members and friends of Community Congregational Church of Chula Vista, release Pastor Liz from the duties of Senior Pastor?*

Congregation: *We do, with the help of God.*

Moderator: *Do you offer your encouragement for her ministry soon to begin as Associate Minister of First United Methodist Church of Santa Barbara?*

Congregation: *We do, with the help of God.*

Moderator to Rev. Aguilar: *Do you, Pastor Liz, release this local church from turning to you and depending on you?*

Pastor Liz: *I do, with the help of God.*

Moderator: *Do you offer your encouragement for the continued ministry here and on the relationship with the next Pastor who will come to serve this church?*

Pastor Liz: *I do, with the help of God.*

Moderator: *Let us pray.*

Congregation: *O God, we give thanks for remembered times when we, together, have shared the life of faith. We thank you for the moments we have shared with Pastor Liz in worship, in learning, and in service. We pray that Pastor Liz will be aware of your Spirit's guidance as she moves to Santa Barbara, in the name of Jesus the Savior. Amen.*

OFFERTORY
CALL TO OFFERING

Special Music “Tu Has Venido a la Orilla”

Soloist, Tanya Tapia

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Host. Amen

Offering Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

God of love and justice, thank you for allowing us to contribute to Your ministry. We thank you that you trust us to be Your partners in ministry. Multiply and use these gifts so that they may further Your Kingdom, in small and big ways. Let us know the joy of serving you now and always. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Blessed Assurance, (Black) #473; Verses 1,2, and 4

BENEDICTION

Rev. Aguilar

POSTLUDE

Margaret Gaillard

Announcements

Welcome Everyone! We are thrilled to worship with you, today! Make sure to fill out an information card if you haven't done so already and drop it in the offering plate. Everyone is welcome to stay after worship for a farewell luncheon for Pastor Liz.

THIS WEEK:

Monday **Counters @ 10:30 a.m.**
Tuesday **Quilters @ 9:30 a.m.**
Wednesday **BIBLE STUDY with Rev. Dr. Jamall @ 6:30 p.m., via zoom**
Thursday **Choir rehearsal @ 7:00 p.m.**
Friday **Bible Study @ 10 a.m. with Rev. Victoria, in person**

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