COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF CHULA VISTA UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



WORSHIP SERVICE
9:30 A.M.
July 31, 2022
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

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.

Biography: The Rev. John H. Whitacre, is a graduate of Princeton School of Theology, is a Board-Certified Chaplain and Southern California State Chair of that organization. He is Pastor Emeritus of Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla where he served as Coordinator of Spiritual Care for 31 ½ years. He has been an active member of the Committee on Ministry serving on several boards. He loves working with candidates in the preparation of membership in the Association of Professional Chaplains, and with members in Discernment. He is also a Certified Clinical Aroma therapist, a Reiki Master level 2, and a Certified Clinical Death Educator. Married to his lovely wife, Pat, for 43 years, they are both members of the Community Church of Poway, UCC.

Community Congregational Church of Chula Vista United Church of Christ Eighth Sunday After Pentecost July 31, 2022

Prelude: Margaret Gaillard

Welcome and Announcements: The Rev. John H. Whitacre

Liturgist: Ester Banayo

Call to Worship:

Leader: Help us, O God our Savior:

People: Deliver us and forgiveness our sins

Leader: Look upon your congregation;

People: Give to your people the blessing of Peace;

Leader: Declare your glory among the nations: **People: Send your wonders among all people.**

Leader: Let not the oppressed be shamed and turned away,

People: Never forget the lives of the poor,

Leader: Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you;

People: And your favor to those who are true of heart. Leader: Satisfy us by your lovingkindness in the morning:

All: So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our

life.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

We beseech you, O God, for your church throughout the world. May it grow in the faith of the cross and the power of the resurrection. May your Spirit minister to it continually the redemption and reconciliation of all things. Keep it in your eternal unity, in great humility, in godly fear, and in your own pure and peaceful wisdom so easy to be entreated. Make it swift and

mighty in the cause of the dominion of heaven. Cover, establish, and enlighten it, that it may see through all that obscures the time, and that it may move in the shadow of your wing, with faith, obedience, sacrifice, and godly power, through Jesus Christ our Sovereign. AMEN.

Black Hymnal Unison Reading #855

HYMN OF PRAISE: Holy, Holy, Holy Black Hymnal #277

PASTORAL PRAYER: The Rev. John H. Whitacre

HYMN: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness Black Hymnal #286

CHILDREN'S STORY: The Rev. John H. Whitacre

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Lord, Here I Am" David Hand

SCRIPTURE READING: Ester Banayo

Luke 12: 1-13 NIV

SERMON: "Soul Investment" The Rev. John H. Whitacre

OFFERTORY: Margaret Gaillard **CALL TO OFFERING:** Ester Banayo

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.

Prayer of Dedication: (In Unison)

Our God, we know that you love all of your creation; the earth, the animals, and all human beings, of whatever race or gender or sexual orientation. We know that love is more powerful than any hate, and that the message of your love can heal our broken world. Please help us to use these gifts to build the type of world that demonstrates the power of love over hate. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Black Hymnal #440

BENEDICTION:

The Rev. John H. Whitacre

Form a circle LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, Siblings all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow. To take each moment, and live each moment With peace eternally, Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.

Postlude: Margaret Gaillard

Announcements

We welcome you to worship! Please make sure to introduce yourself to one of our Pastors or ushers if you are new to us, this morning. Also, please fill out a welcome card found in the pew in front of you. Everyone is invited to stay for fellowship in Bradley Hall after worship.

THIS WEEK:

Monday Counters meet at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday Quilters meet at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday BIBLE STUDY with Rev. Dr. Jamall at 6:30

p.m., via zoom

Thursday Choir practice at 7:00pm

Friday Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. with Rev. Victoria, in

person

Worship info: All responsive reading is from The New Century Hymnal.

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