

**COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH
OF CHULA VISTA
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**



**WORSHIP SERVICE
9:30 A.M.
August 7, 2022
Ninth 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.

If you need assistance, please ask our Greeters.

OUR GUEST PASTOR THIS MORNING is the Rev. Joe Dressler. Joe came to Southern California just a year ago from the State of Maine to be near his daughter, son-in-law, and his two little grandsons ages 6 and 7. He grew up in New Jersey, spent 12 years just north of Philadelphia until the Dressler’s moved to rural Northern New England and raised a daughter and son. The ordained ministry is a late in life calling following the passing of his wife in 2006. He has served two small churches in Maine, spent 13 years as an oncology chaplain, and has volunteered for hospice for 15 years. With great joy, a new blessing entered the Dressler family just 3 weeks ago back in Maine as his son and daughter-in-law brought a new little baby girl into God’s world.

“Faith is a way of knowing that constantly seeks understanding.”

-John C. Shelley

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Prelude: Lionel Jasmin

Gathering Music: They'll Know We Are Christians by
our Love #677 Red verses 1,2,4

Songs: Way maker & It's a Great day to Praise the Lord

Welcome and Announcements: Pastor Joe

Liturgist: Erika Dennis

Call to Worship

Leader: The heavens declare the righteousness of God.

People: The earth declares God's beauty.

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting.

All: God's word shines forth in glory. Amen!

HYMN OF PRAISE: Break Thou the Bread of Life
#30 Red verses 1,2,3

CALL TO CONFESSION(a): Pastor Joe

My brothers and sisters, remember that God loves us;
therefore, by the mercy of God, let us cease to do evil and
learn to do good.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION(a)(*unison*): Erika Dennis
Holy God, you call us to do good, seek justice, and care for those in need, yet how often we place our own comforts above compassion for others. Forgive us, we pray, and cleanse us from these and all our offenses through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS(a): Pastor Joe
God is merciful and kind; though our sins are like scarlet, they become like snow. Be at peace, for your sins are washed clean by the goodness of God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY(a) (*unison*): Erika Dennis
O God of promise, creator of the cosmos, you are the first light breaking through the void, and the final light we shall eternally enjoy. Keep our hearts ever vigilant as we wait to welcome you, that you would find us clothed in love, dressed for action, and eager to receive you. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, PASTORAL PRAYER
AND LORD'S PRAYER:** Pastor Joe

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts and debtors)

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen." (Matt. 6:6-13)

CHILDREN'S STORY: Pastor Joe

CHOIR ANTHEM: "ONE AT THE FEAST"

by Craig Courtney Words by Pamela Martin

SCRIPTURE READING: Erika Dennis
Proverbs 11 & Luke 6:27-31

SERMON: "Looking in the Mirror!" Pastor Joe

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION: Pastor Joe

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God the Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made. We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church for its mission in the world. Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you.

All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Merciful God, as sisters and brothers in faith, we recall anew these words and acts of Jesus Christ.

THE COMMUNION:(1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

We give thanks Almighty God that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

OFFERTORY:

Lionel Jasmin

“THROUGH IT ALL” by Andre Crouch

CALL TO OFFERING:

Erika Dennis

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 Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication: (In Unison)

Erika Dennis

For all that you have given us, we thank you, gracious God. For day and night, evening and morning, for land and sea, for fish and birds, plants and animals, for humankind, and for your Son, who came among us with the gift of life abundant. Let your Holy Spirit abide in our midst and work through our gifts, that all people may have joy and peace, in Jesus name. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

At the Cross

#95 Red verses 1,2,3

BENEDICTION:

Pastor Joe

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. AMEN!
(Numbers 6:24-26)

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:

Lionel Jasmin

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.

Wednesday **BIBLE STUDY** with Rev. Dr. Jamall at 6:30 p.m., via zoom

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

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