

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



WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30 A.M.

September 4th, 2022

Thirteenth 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 2 months ago back in Maine as his son and daughter-in-law brought a new little baby girl into God's world.

**** Those that are able please stand.**

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“I don’t think we’re the rich man or Lazarus in this story. I think in this story we’re the five brothers, and the question is not only whether we’ll open our eyes and see, but will we listen too.” - Eugene Patterson referring to Luke 16:19-31

Prelude: Lionel Jasmin & Chaz Keith

Gathering Music:

1. We are Marching in the Light of God #526 Black
2. Sunday Morning Sermons,
3. It’s a Great day to Praise The Lord
4. Way Maker

Welcome and Announcements: Pastor Joe

Liturgist: Erika Dennis

Call to Worship: (Psalm 146: 5,10)

Leader: Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob,

People: **whose hope is in the Lord their God.**

Leader: The Lord reigns forever, for all generations.

All: **Praise the Lord!**

Hymn Of Praise: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

#377 Red v.1,2,4

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*):

Pastor Joe

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 offences 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

Loving God, giver of all good gifts, you have created us for life together, and in Christ you have revealed to us that the true riches of faith are good works, generosity, and a desire to serve. Strengthen us this day to pursue all righteousness, godliness, and love with perseverance and gentleness, that we may take hold of the life that is really life, and dwell with you eternally, 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.

#142 Red

**Prayers of the People, Pastoral Prayer And Lord's Prayer
(debts and debtors)** Pastor Joe

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: Communion Prayer words by Patricia Mock and Richard A. Nichols

Scripture Reading: Erika Dennis

Luke 16: 19-31

Sermon: "Happily, Forever After" 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)

“For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

Sharing The Bread and Cup

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine:

Leader: Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ.

Leader: Through the cup of blessing, we participate in the new life Christ gives.

Distribution:

Leader: This is the living bread, the body of Christ. Let us eat in remembrance of him.

Leader: This is the saving cup, the blood of Christ. Let us drink in remembrance of him.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*unison*):

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: Goodness of God

Lionel Jasmin

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

We give you thanks and praise, generous God, for every good gift that comes from your hand: for food and clothing, for life and health, for family and friends, above all for the treasure of your grace. Make us rich in good works, generous and ready to share, taking hold of the life that really is life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Closing Hymn: What A Friend We Have in Jesus

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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 & Chaz Keith

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**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.*

**Parents with babies are invited to use the choir room to hear the worship service and stay with your little ones.**

**THIS WEEK:**

**Monday**           **Counters meet at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Tuesday**          **Quilters meet at 9:30 a.m.**  
**Thursday**       **Choir practice at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Friday**           **Bible Study at 10 a.m. in person -Rev.Victoria,**

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