

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



**INSTALLATION OF SENIOR PASTOR  
REV. VICTORIA J. FREIHEIT  
JANUARY 15, 2023  
3:00PM**

**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.

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Rueben Barrera- Head Usher

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**PRELUDE**

Organist Margaret Gaillard

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Moderator Nathan Purificacion

One: For the worship of God in prayer and praise, for the preaching of the Word, for the celebration of the holy sacraments,

**All: Offered by this church, we give thanks.**

One: For the comfort of those who mourn, for the help of those who are perplexed, for the guidance of those who seek strength,

**All: Offered by this church, we give thanks.**

One: For the consecration of life and service, in grateful remembrance of those who have gone before us, and in gratitude for our life together in this church,

**All: We give thanks to you, O God, for this church's past and pray for your continued blessing and guidance. Amen.**

**HYMN Joyful, Joyful we adore you NCH Pg.4 All verses**

Margaret Gaillard

**INVOCATION**

**(Unison)**

Diaconate Chair Sylvia Campbell

**Eternal God, we offer thanksgiving and praise to you on this festive day. We give you thanks for those who responded to your call to this church. Look upon us this day with mercy and bless us as we reconsecrate ourselves to you. We want to be a sign of your Spirit and a witness to Jesus Christ; in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**HYMN This is a day of new beginnings NCH Pg. 417 V.1 and 4**

Margaret Gaillard

**SCRIPTURE**

**Jeremiah 29:11 and Isaiah 40:31**

Trustees Chair Jerry May

**SERMON**

**Covenants—Big and Small**

Rev. Victoria Freiheit

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

**OFFERING INVITATION (Unison)**

Treasurer Ruth Jones

**As we give our tithes and offerings on this special occasion, we offer ourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to God's service and pleasing to God.**

## **SPECIAL SONG DEDICATION**

**"Rev. Victoria Freiheit song"**

### **I AM SENDING YOU**

Words and music by Lionel Jasmin  
based on John 20:19-31

## **DOXOLOGY**

**(Unison) We Shall Overcome**

Lionel Jasmin

## **OFFERING DEDICATION (Unison)**

Nancy Holiman, Pastoral Relations

We give thee but thine own, what e're the gift may be. All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. Amen.

## **HYMN**

**Trust and Obey** Red Pg.454 All verses

Lionel Jasmin

## **INSTALLATION SERVICE**

### **GREETING by Rev. Dr. Nerice Kaufman, Southern Association Moderator**

The Southern Association of the Southern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ greets you in the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the church in heaven and on earth. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

## **PEOPLE**

**Let us look to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was waiting endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

### **PRESENTATION by Nathan Purificacion, Moderator of Community Congregational Church**

Community Congregational Church of Chula Vista, United Church of Christ, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has called Rev. Victoria J. Freiheit as its pastor and teacher and respectfully requests that the Southern Association install her in this ministry among us, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

### **Rev. Dr. Nerice Kaufman**

The Southern Association has reviewed the request of Community Congregational Church of Chula Vista, United Church of Christ. We have prayerfully examined Rev. Victoria J. Freiheit, and we are pleased to install her as your pastor and teacher.

Rev. Victoria J. Freiheit, servant of God, we invite you to come forward as a sign of your acceptance of the call to this office.

## **INSTALLATION**

Installation is the action of an association of the United Church of Christ in cooperation with a local church. Installation confirms and celebrates the covenantal relationship among a local church, its pastor and teacher, and the United Church of Christ. Installation is a sign that these covenantal partners are committed to share mutually in the mission of the United Church of Christ and of the ecumenical church.

## **EXHORTATION**

Hear these words from the apostle Paul: We beg you, our brothers and sisters, to pay proper respect to those who work among you, who guide and instruct you in the Christian life. Treat them with the greatest respect and love because of the work they do. Be at peace among yourselves.

We urge you, our sister, warn the idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with all. See that no one pays back wrong for wrong, but at all times make it your aim to do good to one another and to all people. Be joyful always, pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants of you, in your life in Christ Jesus. Amen.

## **COVENANT**

Dear friends, Community Congregational Church of Chula Vista, United Church of Christ, has declared that having gathered under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it has called Rev. Victoria J. Freiheit to minister in this place as pastor and teacher and that it now receives her as appointed by God for this ministry.

The Southern Association of the United Church of Christ has declared that she has met all the necessary conditions for installation to this office.

Rev. Victoria, seeing that you are called to ordained ministry by the grace of God and that Community Congregational Church of Chula Vista, United Church of Christ, has been led to call you as pastor and teacher, are you willing to enter this covenant with its members who are one in Christ with us in the Southern Association?

## **PASTOR**

I am willing, and I promise to serve this church faithfully, preaching and teaching the word of God, administering the sacraments, and fulfilling the pastoral office, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

## **Rev. Dr. Nerice Kaufman**

Members of Community Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, will those who are able rise and affirm your covenant with your pastor and teacher?

## **LOCAL CHURCH MEMBERS**

**We, the members of Community Congregational Church of Chula Vista, United Church of Christ, receive Rev. Victoria J. Freiheit as our pastor and teacher, promising to labor with her in the ministry of the gospel and to give her due honor and support. We gather with her and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.**

### **Rev. Dr. Nerice Kaufman**

Members of Southern Association, will those who are able rise and affirm your covenant with Community Congregational Church, United Church of Christ and its pastor and teacher?

## **ASSOCIATION MEMBERS**

**We, the members of the Southern Association of the United Church of Christ, gather with you, the people and the pastor and teacher of Community Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, as a sign of our covenant and in celebration of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.**

## **PRAYER OF INSTALLATION Responsively**

**One:** Let us pray. Almighty God, you have called your servants to make promises before you; now enable us to keep our vows that we may remain steadfast in faith and fruitful in every good work. Bless, we pray, your servant Rev. Victoria, to whom the care of your people in this church is now committed.

**All:** **Pour out your Holy Spirit on her, on the people of Community Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, and on all the churches of the Southern Association that our mutual ministry may be served with all faithfulness, diligence, and courage.**

**One:** Grant us the spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind.

**All:** **Make our ministry a means of awakening the careless, strengthening the faithful, comforting the afflicted, building up your church, and converting sinners to you.**

**One:** Guard us against the snares of temptation that we may be kept pure in heart, fervent in spirit, and valiant against evil.

**All:** **And at the last, by your grace, receive us in your eternal home, where, with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ reigns in glory, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **DECLARATION Rev. Dr. Nerice Kaufman**

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the Southern Association of the Southern California/Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ, I declare you duly installed as pastor and teacher of Community Congregational Church of Chula Vista, United Church of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**COVENANT SIGNING**

**At this time, the newly installed Pastor, the Association representative and the Moderator of the church will sign the Mutual Covenant.**

**HYMN**

**Living for Jesus Red Pg. 462 V.1 and 4**

**Lionel Jasmin**

**BENEDICTION**

**Rev. Victoria**

**Form a circle and sing 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 Maker, All one Family.

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**

**Please join us for refreshments and a sing-a-long in Bradley Hall.**