

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



**WORSHIP SERVICE
9:30 A.M.
February 12, 2023
Racial Justice Sunday**

*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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**Community Congregational Church of Chula Vista
United Church of Christ
February 12, 2023, Racial Justice Sunday**

Prelude: Lionel Jasmin & Chaz Keith

Gathering Music: We are marching in the Light of God
It's a Great Day to Praise the Lord
Lord reign in me

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Victoria Freiheit

****Hymn:** **Rock of Ages** Red. p. 108 all verses

Liturgist: Norma Brainard

Call to Worship: Norma Brainard

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.**

****Hymn:** **My Hope is Built** NCH p. 403, v. 1, 2, 4

Prayer of Invocation: Unison Norma Brainard
Almighty God, we give you our humble praise for the gift of the United State of America, for the vision of our patriot ancestors, and for your continued preservation of this great country. Guide and direct the leaders of our nation, that we may have peace and justice at home and reveal your glory to the nations of the world.

Choir: **Love Endures** by James E. Moore, Jr

Children's Story: Rev. Victoria

Sermon and Scripture: "The Bible and Abe Lincoln" Rev. Victoria

Prayers of the People, Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering: Unison

Norma Brainard

Through Christ, let us continually praise God and share what we have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Amen.

Offertory:

Tanya and Alex Tapia

****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: Unison**

Norma Brainard

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 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: O Perfect Love** Red p. 530 all verses

****Benediction:**

Rev. Victoria

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 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:

Lionel Jasmin & Chaz Keith

Announcements

WE WELCOME YOU to the Community Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. To our visitors we extend a special greeting. We are delighted that you have joined us today. Please sign the information card and let us know if you need prayers.

SCHEDULE FOR February 12th

9:30 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Fellowship and coffee

TUESDAY February 14th

10:00 AM Quilters – Marilyn Milligan’s home

WEDNESDAY February 15th

10:30 AM Women’s Fellowship

THURSDAY February 16th

7:00 PM Choir Practice – Music Room

FRIDAY February 17th

10:00 AM Bible Study -Lounge

SATURDAY February 18th

10:00 AM Art Group -small dining room

SUNDAY February 19th

9:30 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Fellowship and coffee

3:00 PM Ordination of Camille Pederson at Pioneer Ocean

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Don’t forget: Shrove Tuesday Feb. 21 Pancakes/ Parsonage 5pm

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What is Shrove Tuesday?

It is the day before Ash Wednesday. Though named for its former religious significance, it is chiefly marked by feasting and celebration, which traditionally preceded the observance of the Lenten Fast.

The word **shrove** is a form of the English word shrive, which **means** to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of Confession and doing penance. Thus, **Shrove Tuesday** was named after the custom of Christians to be "shriven" before the start of Lent.

Is Shrove Tuesday the same as Fat Tuesday? YES Mardi Gras (/ˈmɑːrdi ˌgrɑː/), or **Fat Tuesday**, refers to events of the Carnival celebration, beginning on or after the Christian feasts of the Epiphany (Three Kings Day) and culminating on the day before Ash Wednesday (known as **Shrove Tuesday**).

Shrove Tuesday (also known in Commonwealth countries and Ireland as *Pancake Tuesday* or *Pancake Day*) is the day in February or March immediately preceding Ash Wednesday (the first day of Lent), which is celebrated in some countries by consuming pancakes. Shrove Tuesday came about so Christians wouldn't be wasting food during Lent. Traditionally many different foods would be given up 'meat, fish, eggs and milky foods, they were all cooked up so they wouldn't be wasted or spoiled during the 40 days of Lent. Flour was added to the mix and pancakes were born.

This year we will celebrate Shrove Tuesday along with our brothers and sisters in the UCC who came from the E & R background—Evangelical and Reformed. When Rev. Victoria was in Seminary in Pennsylvania, she first experienced Shrove Tuesday. She is inviting the whole church to a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper at the parsonage on February 21, Shrove Tuesday, for pancake supper. Would the cooks please arrive with your skillets at 4:30 pm. Then all whose name begins with A-M please arrive at 5:00 pm and all those whose names begin with N-Z arrive at 5:30 pm. Bring your favorite syrup or some fresh fruit all cut up and ready to eat. See you on Shrove Tuesday!

