

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



**WORSHIP SERVICE
9:30 A.M.
February 19, 2023**

*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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Prelude: Lionel Jasmin & Chaz Keith

Processional: Choir

Gathering Music: We are marching in the Light of God
It's a Great Day to Praise the Lord
Lord, I lift Your name on high

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Victoria Freiheit

****Hymn:** Immortal, Invisible NCH p.1 all verses

Liturgist: Ester Banayo

Call to Worship: Unison Ester Banayo

One: Let those who seek the presence of the Lord come together this day!

All: For we seek God's word for our day and to serve God in all the world.

One: And even when we were yet sinners the Lord reached out to save us.

All: In the time of Moses God spoke and led the faithful out of bondage!

One: And on the mountain God spoke to His Transfigured son, Jesus.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

****Hymn:** Jesus Take us To the Mountain NCH p. 183, v. 1, 3, 5

Prayer of Invocation: Unison Ester Banayo

O God throughout history you have spoken to Your faithful. Both Moses and Jesus heard Your word on the mountaintop. Today You welcome our presence in prayer. Speak to us now, Lord. In Christ we pray, Amen.

Choir: Who will be a witness? by Donald Moore

Children's Story: Rev. Victoria

Sermon and Scripture: Exodus 24:12-18 & Matthew 17:1-9
"Mountain Climbing"

Rev. Victoria

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

Call to Offering: Unison

Ester Banayo

O God, we are so blessed that You not only allow us to be a part of Your Kingdom but You call each of us to serve you with the spiritual and material gifts You have given us. We are honored to give back our best to you. Amen.

Offertory: Nobody knows the trouble I've seen

David Hand

****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**

Ester Banayo

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator. In grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before You and bless your holy name. Amen

****Closing Hymn: Spirit of God, Descend NCH p. 290 v. 1, 4, 5**

****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.

Reminder: Scholarship applications are due on February 28th

SCHEDULE FOR February 19th

9:30 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Fellowship and coffee

MONDAY February 20th

Laubach (ESL) in small dining room with Erika Dennis

TUESDAY February 21st

10:00 AM Quilters – Marilyn Milligan’s home

4:30 PM AYOP Karate in Bradley Hall

5:00 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancakes/ Parsonage

THURSDAY February 23rd

7:00 PM Choir Practice – Music Room

FRIDAY February 24th

10:00 AM Bible Study -Lounge

SUNDAY February 26th

9:30 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Fellowship and coffee

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!

