COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF CHULA VISTA UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M. March 5, 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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Community Congregational Church of Chula Vista United Church of Christ March 5, 2023

Prelude: Lionel Jasmin & Chaz Keith

Gathering Music: Come and go with me to my father's house.

I know it was the blood.

Above all

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Victoria Freiheit

**Hymn: God So Loved the World Red. p. 20 v. 1 & 2

Liturgist: Belen Hebreo

Call to Worship: United Church of Christ Statement of Faith

(Unison) Belen Hebreo

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ, and our God, and to your deeds we testify: You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death. You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself. You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

**Hymn: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Red p. 258, all verses

Choir Anthem: TAKE AND EAT by Gene Grier

Children's Story: Rev. Victoria

Scripture: John 3: 1-17 Belen Hebreo

Sermon: For God So Loved the World Rev. Victoria

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

COMMUNION

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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 thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation who have given themselves to your will, and especially for Jesus Christ, whom you have sent from your own being as our Savior. 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 as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere:

Holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Merciful God, as sisters and brothers in faith, we recall anew these words and acts of Jesus Christ. Now, as they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you do it, in remembrance of me."

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Come Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread, and this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died. The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

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.

Call to Offering: Unison

Belen Hebreo

Having received new life through the generosity of God and the hope Christ brings, let us give thankfully and abundantly that we may be called God's generous people. Amen.

Offertory: NO, NOT ONE! Lionel Jasmin

(Traditional hymn by Oatman and Hugg)

****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

Belen Hebreo

Thank you, God, for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ; for the love that he gives to us. Please use these offerings for your good purpose in this corner of the world and beyond. May we know that when we give, we receive even more in return. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

** Closing Hymn: God So Loved the World Red p. 315 sing twice

** **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.

Echo Stafford will be going to Jerusalem this Sunday March 5th, 2023, if anybody has any prayer requests, please write it down and hand it to her so she can take it to the Wailing Wall.

MONDAY March 6th

6:30 PM Laubach (ESL) in small dining room with Erika Dennis

TUESDAY March 7th

10:00 AM Quilters in small dining room 4:30 PM AYOP Karate in Bradley Hall

THURSDAY March 9th

7:00 PM Choir Practice – Music Room

FRIDAY March 10th

10:00 AM Bible Study -Lounge

SATURDAY March 11th

9:30 AM Healing Touch March 12th

SUNDAY March 12th
9:30 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Fellowship and coffee

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