

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



WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30 A.M.

August 27, 2023

Be Transformed – A Case of Open Adoption

***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
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Be Transformed-The Case of Open Adoption

Prelude: Lionel Jasmin and Alex Tapia

Gathering Music:

1. This little light of mine
2. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord
3. We are marching in the light of God

Welcome and Announcements: The Rev. John H. Whitacre

***Hymn:** **Holy, Holy, Holy** Black Hymnal #277

Liturgist: Norma Brainard

Call to Worship: Responsive (by William G. Sinkford) Norma Brainard

Leader: Holy God, we come before you with all, for you are great in love and empower.

People: **Some of us come with reluctance and some with joy: some with sadness and others full of fear, yet we know you receive us as we are.**

Leader: Mighty God, stay with us always, as we worship and as we share the risks and challenge of living our faith.

People: **By your powerful spirit, turn our fears to courage and our confusions to confidence.**

Leader: Touch us, God, with your healing fire. Speak to us through your Word.

ALL: ***Send us back into the world renewed and eager to do your will. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen and Amen***

(Responsive Reading Black Hymn 831- adapted)

Hymn: **Be Now My Vision** Black Hymnal #451

Prayer of Invocation: (Unison) Norma Brainard

Leader: Almighty God, whose breath quickened us, whose tongue named us, whose language we are:

People: **Grant us grace to be true words-- *Gentle* when it is anger that we live, *not* smooth when it is desperation that we know, *not* patient when time has narrowed down to now, *Not* wise, not neat, not all our fences mended, *But* words, broken yet honest words, and lost, *Stumbling* their way towards silence.**

* Please stand if you are able

Leader: Take us back. Recall us. Then speak to us once again. *Set* us in order. *Mend* our shattered syntax. *Set* all our commas Straight. *Imbibe* in us a power that keeps company with pain, *then* marches us across the pages of this beautiful, fragile, formatted, imperishable earth to sing the songs of Zion.

All: ***In the name of the word made flesh, made dead and made alive again. Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen***

(Responsive Reading Black Hymnal 837 -adapted)

Choir anthem: **THE PRAYER**
arranged by Tom Fettke

Children's Story: The Rev. John H. Whitacre

Hymn: **When Israel Was in Egypt's Land** Black Hymnal # 572

Scripture: **Exodus 1:8 – 2:10** Norma Brainard

Sermon: ***Be Transformed – A Case for Open Adoption*** The Rev. John H. Whitacre

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

Call to Offering: (Unison) Norma Brainard

Oh God, most merciful and gracious of his bounty we have all received: except, we pray for these offerings of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it in those for whom it is to be given: and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among all people in advancing the realm of our Savior Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Offertory: **Nearer, My God to Thee** Christine Ogden- Flutist

***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

We dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, of peace. Receive your gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage. Amen.

***Closing Hymn:** **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name** Black Hymnal # 304

***Benediction: (Responsively)**

The Rev John H. Whitacre:

Having lifted our voices in community and praise this day, in the name of the Father, name of the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and in the name of the Holy Spirit we ask that you renew the whole of creation. Send the wind and the flames of your transforming life to lift up the church and its people this day in the researching and another rejoicing.

People: Give wisdom and faith that we know the great hope to which we are all called as a church in a community of faith. Come, Holy Spirit, we knew the whole of creation. BHRR 857- adapted

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 and Alex Tapia

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.

Please note we will no longer be using the P.O. Box as of 9/30/23.

For pastoral care needs please call Ruth Jones August 21 and 22 and again August 30th to September 9, 619-885-136. And Rev. John Whitacre August 23 to August 29, 619-884-5649.

Sept. 10 Homecoming Sunday - ice cream social

Sept. 17 Celebrate Mexican Independence Day

Sept. 24 Celebrate our own Pelito's 20th anniversary at Community Congregational Church

ACTIVITIES INCLUDING THE CHURCH AND OUTSIDE GROUPS

SUNDAY August 27th

9:30 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Fellowship and coffee

MONDAY August 28th

Boy scouts meeting downstairs.

TUESDAY August 29th

10:00 AM Quilters meeting in small dining room

4:00 PM AYOP – meeting in Bradley Hall

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

7:00 PM AA – meeting in Lounge

SUNDAY September 3rd

9:30 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Fellowship and coffee

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Cigarette butt...	1-5 years
Plastic bag...	10-20 years
Tin can...	50 years
Plastic 6- pack rings...	100 years
Aluminum can...	200 years
Plastic beverage bottle...	450 years
Disposable diaper...	450 years
Glass bottle...	1 million years

Info source U.S. National Park Service

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