

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



**WORSHIP SERVICE
9:30 A.M.
September 10, 2023
Homecoming 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.

Church Staff and Contact List

(619) 422-9263

www.chulavistachurch.com

Email: churchsecretary@chulavistachurch.com

P.O. Box 5574 Chula Vista, CA 91912

Rev. Victoria Freiheit - Senior Minister

Lionel Jasmin - Minister of Music

Kim Appleget - Pre-school Director

Erika Dennis - Prayer Chain Coordinator

Sylvia Campbell - Event Coordinator

Corinne McCall - Financial Secretary

Pelito Capistrano - Custodian

Louise Lopez - Office Secretary

Audio Visual Team- Kevin Hewitt, Ko Tangen, Jerry May

Nathan Purificacion - Moderator

Chris Dunn - Coffee Hour

Rueben Barrera - Head Usher

Hymn: **Just as I Am** NCH p. 207, all verses

Choir anthem: **Jesus at Your Holy Table**
arranged by Lloyd Larson

Children's Story: Rev. Victoria

Scripture: **Included in the sermon**

Sermon: **“Homecoming”** Rev. Victoria

Intro to Communion: All sing **Let us Break Bread Together** Red p. 564 all verses

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, 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: Responsively

Norma Brainard

One: The Creator of all life and love has endowed our earth with bountiful blessings.

All: God has created humanity to share in the wonder and joy of these blessings.

One: All thanks be to God, Giver and Receiver of all that is good.

All: We return to God portions of what God has given us: our time, the fruits of our labors, our commitment

Offertory:

“Por la Mañana”

Tanya 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

Merciful God, we offer ourselves into your nurturing hands. Receive the devotions of our labors, and all that we are and know, that we may make a difference: in our homes, in our communities, and in our world. Amen.

***Closing Hymn:** **Leaning on the Everlasting Arms** Red.p. 87 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 and Alejandro 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.

The Art Group meets every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 10 am.

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 **September 10th – Homecoming Sunday and Ice cream social**
 9:30 AM Worship Service
 10:30 AM Fellowship and coffee

MONDAY **September 11th**
 Boy scouts meeting downstairs.

TUESDAY **September 12th**
 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

SATURDAY **September 16th**
 10:00 AM Art Group Meeting in small dining room

SUNDAY **September 17th – Celebrate Mexican Independence Day**
 9:30 AM Worship Service
 10:30 AM Fellowship and coffee

License Information: CCLI copyright 333721; CCLI Streaming Plus 21163271; ONE LICENSE A-740614

Social Responsibility

Saving Your Place



Taking shorter showers, turning off lights when you leave a room, and decreasing food waste are just three things we can all do at home to help conserve natural resources. In the grid below, there are 12 words associated with wildlife, habitat challenges, and conservation. Can you find them all? Remember to look up, down, backward, and forward. Ready, set, go—find the solutions for tomorrow!



1 Composting

A system to recycle leftover food, garden waste, and pieces of cardboard.



2 Conservation

The protection of wildlife and natural resources.



3 Deforestation

The act of clearing trees for agriculture, grazing, firewood, and buildings.

4 Ecosystem

A community of wildlife and its environment that functions as a unit.



5 Energy

Power that comes from gas, electricity, or other sources. It's what you save by turning off your lights!



6 Plastic

About 8 million tons of this strong, durable, waterproof material is dumped into the oceans each year.



P	F	W	E	H	K	S	N	M	G
O	I	N	R	V	C	T	O	N	K
L	S	X	U	F	O	A	I	L	T
L	H	L	G	Q	N	T	T	E	S
U	I	J	W	B	S	I	A	N	U
T	N	A	S	O	E	B	T	E	G
I	G	A	P	W	R	A	S	R	C
O	V	M	A	J	V	H	E	G	E
N	O	S	F	N	A	C	R	Y	F
C	T	E	F	E	T	S	O	H	I
E	K	I	X	P	I	R	F	N	L
R	E	T	A	W	O	I	E	X	D
H	J	T	X	W	N	E	D	A	L
E	C	O	S	Y	S	T	E	M	I
C	I	T	S	A	L	P	B	B	W

7 Habitats

A plant or animal's home.



8 Pollution

The introduction of contaminants into the environment.



9 (Food) Waste

One-third of the food intended for human consumption, around 1.3 billion tons, is wasted or lost each year.



10 Water

Taking shorter showers and not leaving the tap running when you're brushing your teeth are ways to save this.



11 Wildlife

All organisms that grow or live wild in an area without being introduced by people.



12 (Over) Fishing

When fish are caught faster than they can reproduce, putting pressure on ocean ecosystems.

