

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



**WORSHIP SERVICE
9:30 A.M.
April 14, 2024
Communion Sunday**

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

276 F St. Chula Vista, Ca 91910

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.

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Thought before worship: There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven. *Ecclesiastes 3:1*

Prelude: Lionel Jasmin & Alejandro Tapia

Gathering Music: **1. Majesty
 2. God is great, God is good
 3. It's a great day to praise the Lord**

Special announcement: Belen Hebreo

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Victoria Freiheit

***Hymn:** **The God of Abraham Praise NCH p. 24 v. 1, 2, 3**

Liturgist: Sandra Nunnally

Call to Worship: (Responsively) Sandra Nunnally

One: Eternal God, Creator of the Universe. We thank you for this day.

Many: **We continue to celebrate the empty tomb--death could not hold your son!**

One: We know and believe that because Jesus lives, we too shall live.

All: **Forever!**

Hymn: **Breaking of the Bread by Jim Manley**

**Fleeing from the city with the small of death so strong;
A stranger on the road invites himself to walk along.
And coming to the house, we tell him "stay and rest your head."
And Christ is known to us in the breaking of the bread.**

CHORUS

**Breaking of the bread, breaking of the bread
Christ is known to us in the breaking of the bread.**

**Meeting in the city with the load of life so strong,
We gather round the table, too worn out to sing a song.**

**But someone says a simple prayer, we pause to bow our head
And Christ is known to us in the breaking of the bread.**

CHORUS

**Breaking of the bread, breaking of the bread
Christ is known to us in the breaking of the bread.**

Prayer of Invocation: (Unison)

Sandra Nunnally

Enable us to make the most of the time that we have in order to reach every creature on earth with the Good News of the kingdom. We pray in the name of our Risen Lord, Amen.

Choir anthem:

THE GREAT I AM!

Music by Jay Rouse

Children's Story:

Rev. Victoria

Scripture:

Luke 24:13-35 included in the sermon

Sermon:

“Our Hearts Burned”

Rev. Victoria

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

COMMUNION

Rev. Victoria

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: Unison

Sandra Nunnally

What shall we offer in thanksgiving for Christ's sacrifice, and how will we return the love poured out on our behalf? Let us answer God's abundant provision for us through joyous giving. Amen.

Offertory:

"I Surrender all" Red p. 408 all verses

Chris Dunn

***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

Sandra Nunnally

May your word of truth be in our mouths, even as these gifts give expression to those who carry it around the world. May your love and ours go with every gift. O Amen.

***Closing Hymn:**

What a Friend We have in Jesus Red p.466 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
In peace eternally,
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.

Postlude:

Lionel Jasmin & 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.

SCHEDULE FOR TODAY April 14th

9:30 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship

TUESDAY April 16th

10:00 AM Quilters – small dining room
5:00 PM American Youth - Bradley Hall
7:00 PM AA Top of the Hill – Lounge

THURSDAY April 18th

7:00 PM Choir Practice – Music Room

FRIDAY April 19th

10:00AM Bible Study -Lounge

SATURDAY April 20th

9:00 AM Healing Touch in Lounge

SUNDAY April 21st – Earth Day Special Program

9:30 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship

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