

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



WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30 A.M.

April 28, 2024

Pacific Islander & Asian American Ministries Day

*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.

If you need assistance, please ask our Greeters.

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**Thought Before Worship: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth. John 1:1**

Prelude: Lionel Jasmin & Alejandro Tapia

Gathering Music:

1. God is great, God is good
2. Majesty
3. We are marching in the light of God

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Victoria Freiheit

***Hymn:** In Christ there is no East or West NCH p.395 all verses

Liturgist: Rosille Vasquez

Call to Worship: (Responsively) Rosille Vasquez

One: God rules over the nations of the earth: Peoples of the Pacific, families on farmlands, all worship God Almighty!

All: **This One is God of our ancestors and our descendants.**

One: In Jesus, we are connected to one another in a vine of covenant.

All: **Bear and share the fruit of Christ's love--That we may proclaim a just world for all!**

Hymn: They Will Know We are Christians by our Love Red p. 677 all verses

Prayer of Confession: (Unison) Rosille Vasquez

Abundant God, we desire to be a part of your Vine of Love. Yet we confess how we have too often tried to assume your role as Holy Vine Grower: we have judged other branches as unworthy to be connected to us and we have tried to prune them off the True Vine saying "You don't belong; you don't produce fruit; you don't produce the right kind of fruit; your fruit smells funny; you belong in the compost heap." By living in our comfort zones and our arrogance, we have failed to see our own bad fruit of smug self-righteousness. Can we even begin to ask forgiveness for ourselves so that the sins of our ancestors might not become the legacy of our descendants? Graft us back to abide in the true vine: entwine us in your lei of perfect love. Amen.

*** Please stand if you are able.**

Assurance of Forgiveness: Rosille Vasquez
God's love was revealed among us in this way: God's own beloved Child was sent into the world to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, so that we might live through Christ. On behalf of the God whom no one has ever seen, look into the eyes of the persons sitting next to you who you can see, and extend your arms as symbols of branches of Jesus, the true vine, and proclaim: "In God's love, you are forgiven."

Choir anthem: **Was I Faithful?**
words and music by Carolyn Hamlin
arranged by Mary McDonald

Children's Story: Rev. Victoria

Scripture: **Psalm 23** Rosille Vasquez

PAAM Presentation Nathan Purificacion

Prayers of the People, Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Rev. Victoria

Call to Offering: Unison Rosille Vasquez
We praise God by sharing the abundant fruit of God's love with our sisters and brothers throughout the world, so that every empty bowl may be filled with enough rice, every empty plate covered with enough tortillas, every empty stomach satisfied with enough taro. Let us live in God's love so that our joy may be complete. Amen.

Offertory: **Give, It Will Come Back to You**
(with hands movements)

***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 Rosille Vasquez
Dear God, Holy Vine Grower, you are love. May the offerings we share today be a source of hope for the poor. Help us to live out your commandment to love others, not just because we reach out to them as our sisters and brothers, but also because as our sisters and brothers, they reach out to us as well. Amen.

***Closing Hymn:** **Jesus Lover of My Soul Red p.222 all verses**

***Benediction: (Unison)**

Rev. Victoria

We love because God first loved us. You who love God must love your brothers and sisters also. Love one another. [Tagalog] Mag-ibigan tayo sa isat-isa. Amen.

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.

Rev. Freiheit is one of the ministers who will officiate at the National Day of Prayer service at the Norman Park Center on Thursday, May 2nd at 10:00 am. Please plan to attend to show your support!

SCHEDULE FOR TODAY April 28th PAAM Day

9:30 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship

TUESDAY April 30th

10:00 AM Quilters – Small dining room

5:00 PM American Youth - Bradley Hall

7:00 PM AA Top of the Hill – Lounge

THURSDAY May 2nd

10:00 AM National Day of Prayer- Mayor John McCann invites us to a service @ Norman Park Center

7:00 PM Choir Practice – Music Room

FRIDAY May 3rd

10:00AM Bible Study -Lounge

SUNDAY May 5th – Communion Sunday

9:30 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship

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