

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



**WORSHIP SERVICE
9:30 A.M.
October 13, 2024**

*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 “Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks and serve Him with great humility.” *St. Francis of Assisi*

Lighting of the Candles

Prelude: Lionel Jasmin and Alejandro Tapia

Gathering Music: 1. God is great, God is good
2. Bless the Lord, O my soul
3. It's a Great Day

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Victoria Freiheit

Opening Prayer: Rev. Victoria

***Hymn:** **Morning Has Broken** Red p. 5 all verses

Liturgist: Donna Purificacion

Call to Worship:(Responsively) Donna Purificacion

Canticle of the Creatures- Abridged: St. Francis

One: Most High, all powerful, good Lord, yours are the praises, the glory and the honor, and all blessing.

All: We praise you with all you have made, including Brother Sun and Sister Moon.

One: We praise you through Brother Wind, and all kinds of weather, that gives sustenance to all your creatures.

All: Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks and serve Him with great humility. Amen.

Children's Time: (no children's time—have them stay for the animal blessing in the patio)

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

Scripture: **Genesis 1 and Psalm 68:6**
Included in the sermon

Sermon: **“In the Beginning”** Rev. Victoria

Call to Offering: from Psalm 54:6 Donna Purificacion
**I will sacrifice a freewill offering to you; I will praise your name, O Lord,
for it is good. Amen.**

Offertory: Lionel Jasmin and Alejandro 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) Donna Purificacion
**We dedicate these gifts to you, O God, thanking You for the gifts of our lives and
the lives of our animals. Help us to continue caring for them and for all that
sustains us, so we can continue to give back to You, O Lord. In Jesus' name we
pray. Amen.**

***Closing Hymn:** **All Creatures of Our God and King** Red. p.347, v.1-4

***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 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.

SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

SUNDAY October 13th

9:30 AM Short Worship Service followed by blessing of the animals in the patio

10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship

TUESDAY October 15th

5:00 PM American Youth - Bradley Hall

7:00 PM AA Top of the Hill – Lounge

WEDNESDAY October 16th

10:30 AM Women's Fellowship in Bradley Hall

THURSDAY October 17th

7:00 PM Choir Practice in Choir Room

FRIDAY October 18th

10:00 AM Bible Study meets in Lounge

SUNDAY October 20th

9:30 AM Worship Service (Neighbors in Need Offering)

10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship

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En el principio

Hoy le pedimos a Dios que bendiga a nuestros animales. Todo comenzó en Génesis 1:1: “En el principio creó Dios los cielos y la tierra. La tierra estaba desordenada y vacía, y las tinieblas estaban sobre la faz del abismo, y el Espíritu de Dios se movía sobre la faz de las aguas”.

Entonces dijo Dios: “Sea la luz”. Dios hizo el sol y la luna, la tierra, la vegetación, las plantas y los árboles. Luego hizo Dios los animales en el agua y las aves en el cielo. Luego dijo Dios: “Produzca la tierra seres vivientes: ganado, reptiles y animales de la tierra. Y vio Dios que era bueno”.

Y estamos de acuerdo en que la creación de Dios fue buena, porque hoy podemos disfrutar de nuestros animales. Ellos necesitan nuestro cuidado, necesitan ser alimentados y cuidados y, a cambio, nos dan placer. De hecho, queremos decir, como lo hizo Dios, que es bueno.

No sé si Adán y Eva tenían mascotas. Puede ser que en aquellos tiempos antiguos y primitivos ni siquiera se pensara en las mascotas, pues los animales eran bestias de carga o se comían para sobrevivir. Fue más tarde, cuando la gente prosperó lo suficiente como para pensar en los animales como mascotas.

Cuando éramos jóvenes, las mascotas de la familia eran una valiosa adición a nuestra educación. Nos enseñaron a ser disciplinados al alimentarlos, para que no pasaran hambre. Nos enseñaron a ser compañeros para que no se sintieran solos. Nos enseñaron a vigilarlos para detectar cualquier signo de incomodidad y necesidad. Esto nos preparó para la edad adulta y para ser buenos padres. Si adquiriste tu mascota en un refugio, la salvaste de la muerte. El Salmo 68:6 nos recuerda que “Dios da a los desolados un hogar donde vivir”.

San Francisco de Asís amaba a los animales y a toda la creación de Dios. Incluso se le ocurrió una ceremonia para bendecir a los animales. Diremos esa ceremonia en nuestra segunda parte del culto de hoy en el patio, donde bendeciremos a los animales. Por ahora, demos gracias a Dios por toda la creación, incluidas nuestras amadas mascotas. Amén.