

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



WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30 A.M.

May 4, 2025

Communion 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.

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Greeters: Jim Nunnally & Sylvia Campbell

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Thought Before Worship: Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2

Prelude: Lionel Jasmin and Gabriel Jasmin

Lighting of the Candles:

Gathering Music:

- 1. We are marching**
- 2. Lord, I lift your name on high**
- 3. It's a great day**

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Victoria Freiheit

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Opening Prayer: Rev. Victoria

Liturgist: Rev. Sandra Nunnally

***Opening Hymn:** Praise to the Living God NCH p. 8 v. 1,3,4

Call to Worship: Sandra Nunnally

One: We listen for your voice, O Lord God,

All: Prepare us to hear it.

One: We await your wisdom,

All: Teach us to understand it.

One: We ask for your guidance,

All: Strengthen us to follow it. Amen

Hymn: Lead Me to Calvary Red p. 407 all verses

Prayer of Invocation: (Unison) (Frederick Buechner) Sandra Nunnally
Lord, catch me off guard today. Surprise me with some moment of beauty or pain. So that at least for the moment I may be startled into seeing that you are in all your splendor, always and everywhere, barely hidden, beneath, beyond, within this life I breathe. Amen.

*** Please stand if you are able**

Choir Anthem: **You Are the Bread**
By Ruth Elaine Schram

Children's Story: Rev. Victoria

Scripture: **Acts 9:1-7 and 13:9** Sandra
Nunnally

Sermon: **On the Road to Damascus** Rev. Victoria

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

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: Unison

Sandra Nunnally

Lord, you gave your son to save us, we would give our lives to you. Now in grateful dedication, our allegiance we would own--Offering talents, time, and treasure, for the mercy you have shown. Amen.

Offertory:

O DIVINE REDEEMER

by Charles Gounod

pianist: Lionel Jasmin

cellist: Gabriel Jasmin

***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

God, you so loved the world that you gave your only son. We lay before you the offering of ourselves in joyous thanksgiving for your creating and redeeming love. We ask you to bless us and our gifts, and help us to be instruments of your peace, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Closing Hymn:**

I Surrender All Red p. 408 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 Gabriel Jasmin

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

May 4th

9:30 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship

TUESDAY

May 6th

5:00 PM American Youth - Bradley Hall

7:00 PM AA Top of the Hill – Lounge

THURSDAY

May 8th

7:00 PM Choir Practice in Choir Room

FRIDAY

May 9th

10:00 AM Bible Study meets in Lounge

11:00 AM Fine Arts Meets

SUNDAY

May 11th

9:30 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship