

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



**WORSHIP SERVICE  
9:30 A.M.  
September 7, 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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Chris Dunn- Coffee Hour

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Eygiel Balinski -Nursery Attendant

**Greeters:** Sylvia Campbell

**Community Congregational Church of Chula Vista**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**September 7, 2025**  
**Communion Sunday**

**Thought before Worship: "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts".**

*Isaiah 55:9*

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**Prelude:**

Lionel Jasmin

**Lighting of the Candles:**

**Welcome and Announcements:**

Rev. Victoria Freiheit

**Liturgist:**

Sylvia Campbell

**Gathering Music:**

- 1. Lord, I Lift Your Name on High**
- 2. As the Deer**
- 3. It's A Great Day**

**Opening Prayer:**

Rev. Victoria

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

**\*Opening Hymn:**

**I sing the Mighty Power of God NCH p. 12 all verses**

**Call to Worship: (Responsively)**

Sylvia Campbell

**One:** This is a time of light!

**All:** **Open our eyes, that we may see wonderful things in your world.**

**One:** This is a time of joy!

**All:** **Open our mouths, that we may sing your praises.**

**One:** This is a time of rest!

**All:** **Renew our strength, that we may be refreshed.**

**One:** This is a time of worship!

**All:** **Prepare our hearts, that we may bow before you in awe. Amen.**

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**\*Please stand if you are able**

**Hymn:** **Lead Me to Calvary** Red p. 407 v.1,2,4

**Prayer of Invocation: (Unison)** Sylvia Campbell  
**We cannot, O Lord, deny your presence here with us, for you were here before we came. You are the host, we are the guests. You have set the table before us, and we will share what you have provided. Amen.**

**Choir Anthem:** **COME INTO GOD'S EMBRACE** **accompanied by**  
**music by Mary McDonald** **Christine Ogden, flute**  
**Isaac Padilla, violin**

**Children's Story:** Rev. Victoria

**Scripture:** **Matthew 26:26** Rev. Victoria  
**Included in the sermon**

**Sermon:** **"Friends Communion"** Rev. Victoria

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

**Prayer of Confession: (Unison)** Sylvia Campbell  
O God, there are times when we are ashamed to lift our faces to the heavens. For our iniquities and guilt are higher than our heads. Grant us sustenance and open our eyes that we may lift our heads once more. . . (Silent prayer)

**Assurance of Pardon:** Sylvia Campbell  
One: Favor has been shown by the Lord our God.  
**All: God has not forsaken us.**  
One: We are given new life to set up the house of our God.  
**All: God has not forsaken us,**  
One: We are sustained and forgiven by God's steadfast love.  
**All: God will never forsake us. Amen**

## **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**

**SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP Assisted by Sylvia Campbell- Diaconate Chair.**

Come down through the center aisle to receive Communion by Intinction then return to your seat by the outer aisles. Disabled remain seated, we'll bring it to you.

## **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:**

Sylvia Campbell

**Choose something that you swore you could never, ever live without, and give it away. . . Giving is the first act of living. Amen” *Ruth Snyder***

**Offertory:**

Sampaguita Bahena, recording artist

**\*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)**

Sylvia Campbell

**Merciful God, pour out your spirit upon these gifts, so that they might be used to shape the future of your kingdom of heaven on earth. We give as a response to your many blessings. For all these we are grateful. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn:**

**Have Thine Own Way Lord** Red p. 400 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

## 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**

#### **September 7<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship

#### **TUESDAY September 9<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 PM AYOP- Bradley Hall

7:00 PM AA Top of the Hill – Lounge

#### **THURSDAY September 11<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 PM Choir Practice – Choir Room

#### **FRIDAY September 12<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AM Bible Study led by Donna Purificacion – Lounge

7:30 PM AA Friday Night Happy Hour group meeting – Lounge

#### **SUNDAY September 14<sup>th</sup> - Celebrate Mexican Independence Day +**

#### **Homecoming + Everybody's Birthday Offering**

9:30 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship

**Community Congregational Church, UCC**  
276 F Street  
Chula Vista, CA 91910

September 5th, 2025

Dear Brother/Sister in Christ,

The Stewardship Committee would like to invite you to our three special events that will take place on September 14, 2024. Please join us in celebrating these wonderful events.

**Everybody's Birthday**  
**Homecoming Sunday**  
**Ice Cream Social**

**EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY**

Enclosed in this letter is an envelope to place your gift/donation of any amount to celebrate your birthday and many blessings you have received. Please indicate your birthday month on the envelope to determine which month has the most people contributing. We encourage you to come and join in fellowship with us and bring your envelope. You may drop it in the offering plate during the offertory.

Those unable to attend may send it to our church address:

276 F Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910

The money collected will be used to offset our budget deficit.

**HOMECOMING SUNDAY**

This Sunday also, we will welcome everyone whether you are returning from a long trip, have taken a long break from the many changes and challenges the pandemic brought us, or just missed coming to our friendly church. We will celebrate God's goodness and protection in our lives.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Last but not least, with the warm weather we're experiencing this summer, it's time to get together for some fun and activities and enjoy having some ice cream and cake.

We appreciate your love and support in these wonderful events on September 14<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you.

In Christian Love,

The Stewardship Committee



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**SEPTEMBER 14, 2025**

**SERVICE AT 09:30AM**

**FOLLOWED BY ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
AFTER THE SERVICE**

**276 F STREET, CHULA VISTA, CA 91910**

## **Save the Date All Church Picnic**

 Saturday, October 11th

 Sweetwater Regional Park

 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**More details to follow each week as we get closer!**



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## **The Third Annual “Share Your Talents & Collections”**

 Sunday, September 28th

 Bradley Hall | Community Congregational Church

The Fine Arts Committee invites you to our third annual Share Your Talents and Collections event! Come enjoy a delightful “Coffee Hour” as we showcase the unique skills and cherished collections of our church family. Proceeds will support future events like concerts, theatre outings, and more!

 Do you have something to share or sell?

Bring your stamps, baseball cards, quilts, jewelry, sewing projects, or artwork! Please include a 3 x 5 card with your name, description, and price if you’d like to sell your items.

 Everyone will be able to vote for their favorite display!

Set-up will take place on Saturday, September 27th in Bradley Hall.  
We’d appreciate any help with set-up or organizing!

 Have questions? Contact Echo Stafford at (619) 656-9136.

**Let’s celebrate creativity, connection, and community!**