# COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF CHULA VISTA UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



9:30 A.M.
November 16, 2025
Dedication 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.

*If you need assistance*, please ask our Greeters.

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## Community Congregational Church of Chula Vista United Church of Christ November 16, 2025

**Thought Before Worship:** God generously provides for us and invites us to take part in a larger story through our generosity toward others.

Prelude: Lionel Jasmin

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Announcements: Ruth Jones

Stewardship Announcement: Ruth Jones

Recognition of 50-year members: Jerry & Judy May

Liturgist: Norma Brainard

Gathering Music: 1. Lord I Lift Your Name on High
2. Lord I Thank You (From the Medley of Thanks)

4. It's A Great Day

3. Give Thanks with A Grateful Heart

Norma Brainard

**Opening Prayer:** Ruth Jones

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

\* Opening Hymn: Dream God's Dream - all verses

\*Call to Worship:(Responsively)

One: God draws us together from different places.

All: God dreams the same dream for us.

One: God knows our pain and our joy.

All: God dreams the same dream for us.

One: God calls us to generosity and purpose.

All: God dreams the same dream for us. Amen.

**Hymn:** Lord, I Want to Be a Christian NCH p. 454 all verses

<sup>\*</sup> Please stand if you are able.

Prayer of Invocation: (Unison)

Norma Brainard

Holy God, we confess that sometimes we think it is only wealthy or perfect people who can be generous. We feel too broken, too small, and too ashamed. We think we can't possibly make your dreams come true. Forgive our doubts and heal our shame. Remind us of our great potential in you. Amen.

Choir Anthem: For All the Blessings of the Year

Arranged by Lloyd Lasrson

**Children's Sermon:** Ruth Jones

Scripture: Isaiah 12 Norma Brainard

**Sermon: Be Grateful for Generosity** Ruth Jones

Prayers: Silent, Pastoral, Lord's Prayer

**Dedication of our Pledges:** Ruth Jones

Words of Preparation: (unison) Ruth Jones

Generous God, fill our hearts with gratitude for the great story and traditions that have been passed down to us. Fill our minds with questions, so that we can find you in the story and challenge the ways of the world. Fill our lives with the presence of one another, so that we may be moved to generosity and stewardship. Amen.

### **Presentation of Pledges**

Bring forth Pledges and Time and Talents card and place them in baskets on the table.

**Prayer of Dedication followed by Response**Ruth Jones

One: God brings us together in the word.

All: We are grateful to be part of God's story.

One: God brings us together in stewardship.

All: We are grateful to be part of God's community. One: God brings us together in a vision for the future.

All: We are grateful to be part of God's dream. Amen.

Call to Offering:

Norma Brainard

Even in the midst of struggle, we have gifts to share and dreams to dream. No gift is too small and no dream is too big. Let us offer what we have with gratitude.

Offertory: Give to the Lord Lionel Jasmin and Aiden Keys

**\*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)

Norma Brainard

Holy God, you speak to us that what we share with one another, we share with you. Bless what we have shared and remind us of what we hold back. Call us forward into wholeness around one vast and holy table at which none are turned away. Amen.

\*Closing Hymn: More Love to You, O Christ NCH p.456 verses 1 & 2

\*Benediction: Ruth Jones

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

#### **Current 50 Year Members**

Norma Brainard
Jerilyn Brown
Sylvia Campbell
Cheryl Cox
Pat Doege
Sandra Grindle
Janette Grutzmacher
Nancy Holiman
Wayne Holiman
Marla Kuta

Janice Lambert
Joanne Marugg
Jerry May
Judy May
Lorelei Naegeli
Betty Joan Reynolds
Jennie Rindone
Marjory Robb
Kay Rouse

#### 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 November 16<sup>th</sup>

9:30 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship

**TUESDAY** November 18<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM AYOP- Bradley Hall

7:00 PM AA Top of the Hill – Lounge

WEDNESDAY November 19th

10:30 AM Women's Fellowship in Bradley Hall

**THURSDAY** November 20<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM Choir Practice – Choir Room

FRIDAY November 21st

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

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

SUNDAY November 23<sup>rd</sup> Joint Worship with Sunrise Church of Christ

10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship

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#### **Women's Fellowship Announcement**

The Women's Fellowship program on Wednesday November 19 will be "Loving You Through It". The organization's mission is, in part, ... "to provide free Oncology beauty services.". They are in operation at Rico's on Third, two blocks from the church.

Next week, on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, will be the Joint Thanksgiving Service Pastor Tony's Sunrise church. The Service will be at 10:00 AM, instead of 9:30. (Because Sunrise church usually meets at 10:30 am) After worship there will be a lunch in Bradley Hall. Our church is providing roast chicken and pie, but everyone is invited to bring potluck salads and side-dishes, or other dishes go with the chicken.