

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



**WORSHIP SERVICE
9:30AM**

**Community Congregational Church of Chula Vista
United Church of Christ**

**April 12, 2026
Holy Humor 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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Greeters: Judy May & Marilyn Milligan

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Thought Before Worship: “Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words.” St. Francis of Assisi

Prelude: Chopin Prelude in E minor Isai Bahena

Candle Lighting:

Welcome and Announcements: **Why did the chicken cross the road?**
Rev. Victoria Freiheit

Liturgist: Norma Brainard

***Gathering Music:** **The Sound of Music** Choir & Congregation

Opening Prayer: Rev. Victoria

Our Motto: “No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!”
Joke #1 Rev. Victoria

*** Opening Hymn:** **Joyful, Joyful We Adore You** NCH p. 4 all verses

Jokes #2 & 3 Jerry and Judy May

Call to Worship: Responsively Norma Brainard

One: As the ancient Greeks happily celebrated Jesus' Resurrection so long ago, we come before you, O God, with joy in our hearts and jokes in our lips.

All: **We are drawn to the humor, joy and fun of new life in the One who came to give His all for us in life-changing peace.**

One: Whatever our state of mind when we walked in the door this morning, we now join in praising you, Dear Jesus, for your victory over death.

All: **We dedicate this Holy Humor Sunday to you as we fill our hearts with happy thoughts and actions-You are the life of the party! Amen.**

Jokes #4 & 5 Joan Corey & Chris Dunn

Hymn: **The Joy of the Lord is My Strength** Red. p.354 all verses

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

Jokes #6 & 7 Belen Hebreo & Ester Banayo

Prayer of Invocation: Unison

Norma Brainard

O God, we rejoice in the day you have made, as our members entertain us with jokes and stories. We celebrate all you have given us in this life and eternal life. We appreciate the chance to be happy, joyful, and a little different than our usual solemnities. O God we trust that you bless us in our joy over the miracle of the Risen Christ. We know he laughed sometimes—he was fully human, after all!

Choir Anthem: Praise the God of Resurrection!

by Mark Hayes and Beethoven

Jokes #8 & 9 Echo & Lynn Stafford

Children's Time: several jokes

Rev. Victoria

**Scripture: Proverbs 22:22, John 15:11, Matthew 6:16,
Luke 6:21, Psalm 2:4. All included in sermon**

Sermon: Jesus Loves a Good Party!

Rev. Victoria

Prayers of the People, Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Jokes #10 & 11 Rosille & Darwin Vasquez

Call to Offering: Unison

Norma Brainard

The budget here is very sound. Donations come from all around. Offerings keep showing up! Like an overflowing cup. “Giving extra” --that's the rule. There's too much money—April Fool!

Offertory: Selected

Elijah Baca

***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

Martin Luther said: “If you're not allowed to laugh in heaven, I don't want to be there.” Loving God, may the offering we give cause you to smile at your obedient people. We praise You for giving your Son Jesus (the last laugh) as he came back to

life from death. May our offerings glorify You as we put a smile on the face of the needy. Amen.

Jokes #12 & 13 Wayne Holiman

***Closing Hymn:** Living for Jesus Red p. 462 all verses

****Joke#14 and 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 Aiden Keys

Announcements

Thank you for joining us this morning at Community Congregational Church, as we praise God for blessings and love. We look forward to seeing you again. After the worship service, we invite you to join us in Bradley Hall for food, friendship and fellowship. Please sign the information card and let us know if you need prayers.

Friendly reminder: Women's Fellowship takes place on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

SCHEDULE FOR TODAY April 12th Holy Humor Sunday

9:30 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship

TUESDAY April 14th

5:00 PM American Youth - Bradley Hall

7:00 PM AA Top of the Hill – Lounge

WEDNESDAY April 15th

4:30 PM ESL by Sue Macdonald

FRIDAY April 17th

10:00 AM Bible Study meets in Lounge

SUNDAY April 19th Earth Day

9:30 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship

