Congregational Church of san mateo

"Because of who you are, and where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."



November 17, 2024

Prelude *Nun danket alle Gott* Angela Kraft Cross
by Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Welcome Rev. Jessica Vacketta

↑ **Call to Worship**
Leader: Let us lift up the name of the Lord.
All: And rejoice for God hears our prayers.
Leader: Praise the one who brings healing to our pain.
All: And causes joy to follow the long night of sorrow.
Leader: We will not be silent. We will not still our tongues!
All: O God, we will give thanks to you forever!

↑ **Opening Song** *Come, O Thankful People, Come* #422
composed by George J. Elvey Vs. 1 & 3

Come, O thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in as the winter storms begin;
God our Maker does provide for our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

These to you, our God, we owe, source from whom all blessings flow;
And for these our songs we raise, grateful vows and solemn praise.
Come, then thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home.
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

Moment for Creation Care Gary White

Congregational Prayer Rev. Álvaro Durán

In Unison*

**This beloved prayer, often referred to as the "Lord's Prayer," has been adapted and translated countless times over the centuries. While we've provided two options below, we encourage you to use any version that resonates with you.*

Our Creator, Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre, venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

↑ **Sharing the Peace** Rev. Álvaro Durán

*During the Peace**, **children (4th grade and younger)*** and ***youth (5th-8th grades)*** *are invited to attend our faith formation programs in the Christian Education Building by exiting out the back door of the Sanctuary with our adult leaders. Parents/guardians are welcome to accompany kids to help them get settled. Children and youth are most welcome to remain in the service if they would prefer. Activity baskets with goodies for our younger kiddos can be found in the entry hall (Narthex) at the Kids Table. We're glad you're here! After worship, kids can be picked up in their program room or Kloss Hall at Coffee Hour.*

Centering Song Angela Kraft Cross

Invitation to Offering The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund Sharon Tobin

The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund is a Special Mission Offering that congregations have been supporting for over 100 years. The offering is administered through the United Church Board for Ministerial Assistance, the charitable arm of the Pension Boards. Funds provide direct financial support to those who serve the church and are facing financial difficulties. Active and retired clergy, lay employees, and their surviving spouses may be eligible for the supplementation of small annuities, supplementation of health premiums, emergency grants, and Christmas "Thank You" gift checks.

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- ***Offering Plate:*** *Place your cash or check in the offering plate with a note on the memo line specifying where you'd like the funds directed.*
- ***Online Giving:*** *Visit CCSM's online giving link* ***ccsm-ucc.org/give/***
- ***Check:*** *Mail a check to the church office. (225 Tilton Ave, 94401)*

In addition to our plate offering, we gratefully accept gifts to our General Fund at any time.

Offertory *Cornerstone* by Shaun Kirchner Chancel Choir, Krystal Burndon, Soloist

Scripture Psalm 30: 1-5, 11-12 Susan Bell

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.
O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you God's faithful ones,
and give thanks to God's holy name.
For the Divine's anger is but for a moment;
God's favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Sermon "Thanks" Rev. Jessica Vacketta

Stewardship Reflection Diane Kalliam

↑ **Closing Hymn** *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* #76

Welsh folk tune harmonized by Leland Sateren

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive hearts reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's realm and to answer the call.

With praise and Thanksgiving to God ever living.
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us,
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

Benediction Rev. Jessica Vacketta

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God* Angela Kraft Cross
by J.S. Bach/adapted by Virgil Fox

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Join us for Coffee Hour after service in Kloss Hall.
Thanks to the Latino Ministry, our Coffee Hour volunteers today!
Thanks to Pam Ridlehuber, our Liturgical Arts sanctuary designer today.

Joys and Concerns

Each week, the pastoral care team gives prayerful attention to the congregation's joys and concerns. Many of these come with a request to hold the contents in confidence; therefore they are not published below. The wonderful thing about prayer is one doesn't need a specific reason in order to lift another in the light of love and care. Join us in holding the named and unnamed in God's light and love. Prayers will be listed below for two weeks, unless otherwise requested.

Recent Prayer Requests

Please keep **June Brown** in your prayers as she experienced a health event this past weekend.

Prayers for the family of **Betty Yeh**, who passed away on Monday, November 4. Our hearts are with **Chris, Jennifer, Katie, Madeline, and Caroline**, and the many more who loved dear Betty.

Genel Morgan requests renewed prayers for her childhood friend, **Susan**, who is back in the hospital with kidney problems. Prayers for resolution of the issue so Susan can return home.

Please include **Bruce McKeel, husband of Lynn McKeel – 2000** and **Elizabeth McKeel, daughter of Bruce and Lynn McKeel – 2023** in your All Saints' prayer list.

Chona Tendero asks for the following prayers: her **niece, Ellen**, who was battling colon cancer, sadly passed away on November 6. She also prays for her **niece, Abigail**, who will undergo laparoscopic ovarian surgery once she gives birth; and for **her friend, Feljohn Rancap**, battling with ALS.

Pam McCarthy-Hudson asks that we please pray for the full recovery from a necessary surgery for her friend, **Lisa Caswell**.

We join faith communities around the world in praying for peace in all places of armed conflict. This week we lift up armed conflicts in Africa, with more than 35 non-international armed conflicts (NIACs) taking place in Burkina Faso, Cameroon, the Central African Republic (CAR), the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Mali, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, Somalia, South Sudan, and Sudan.

Ongoing prayer requests: *Continuing prayers for our beloved siblings:* **Melanie Dresbach's** brother**, Michael**; **Aprille Espinuevas**, friend of **Robert and Johann Leung**; **Ana Villalta, Isabel Hernandez'** mother; **Oscar Acuna's** mother; **Judy and Peter,** friends of **Angela and Robert**; **Mary Ann Clifford, Dawn Graves'** stepmother**; Gaby Topete Eng Goon; Lani Leydig; Cheryl Granucci; Genel Morgan's** friend **Susan**; **Trini Romero; Genel Morgan's** family member, **Jason; Allison Rock** and **Chris Wuthmann's** friend**, Karen; Mel Thrash; Bev Knowlton; Lee White,** friend of **Michele Merfeld Hale; Cari Parker; Martha Clements; Bill Melis; Mike and Lee Mullery; George Vail; Martha Pierce; Ruth Black; Dorothy Gorman; Dottie Scott; Don and Jonathan**'s brother, **Chuck Ruthroff; Caroline Reinke.**

Bulletin Board

If you wish to have an announcement added to the "Bulletin Board," please email Chase at cmontara@ccsm-ucc.org to have your item added.

PICK-A-PARTY DURING HAPPY COFFEE HOUR TODAY! Did you forget that this morning was Signup Sunday for Pick-A-Party? No problem. Just head to happy coffee hour and check out the parties *and auction items* that are available. (The auction doesn't close until noon.) And you can always add your name to the waitlist for a party; slots frequently open up as a party approaches.

SECOND HOUR: END OF LIFE DISCUSSION with Rhyena Halpern, End of Life Doula, TODAY! Sunday, November 17, 12 - 1:30 pm • Buckham Room • What if we thought about "end of life" as not only a medical event but, more importantly, a social and deeply spiritual event? Death is not only about taking care of a loved one, it's about taking care of each other. Talking about death can bring us closer to the people we love. What's important to us as we approach the end of life? Have we made our wishes known? Is there unfinished business that needs to be addressed? Join us in deepening our learning about end of life. Lunch provided.

PIANO CONCERT WITH ARTHUR TKACHENKO, TODAY! Sunday, Nov. 17, 3:00 pm • Sanctuary • CCSM's Music Ministry invites you to attend the concert of this brilliant young pianist right here in CCSM's Sanctuary. Arthur is an 18-year-old award-winning musician from Lafayette, CA, who began his musical studies at age 7 on piano and spent the last two summers in the legendary Tanglewood Festival. In 2023, Arthur began studying organ with Dr. Angela Kraft Cross at CCSM. Suggested donation: $20 for adults, $10 for youth & seniors, children 10 & under free.

BURLINGAME MUSIC CLUB, Monday, November 18, 1:00 - 3:00 pm • Kloss Hall • The Burlingame music club invites CCSM members and friends to join them for a special program featuring Scot Moore, professional violinist, and student musicians Lucas Kuo and Bella Chen, pianists; Lucas Wang, violin; and Daniel Wang, the cellist who shared his beautiful music at CCSM's All Saint's service earlier this month. Refreshments will be served.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, Tuesday, November 19, 6:30 - 8:00 pm • Buckham Room and Zoom • All are welcome to attend the next Board of Directors meeting, which will be held this Tuesday in the Buckham Room and on Zoom. Email Don Ruthroff, our Board Moderator, for more information at druthroff@gmail.com.

ADVENT DECORATING, Sunday, November 24, 1:00 pm • Calling all Advent elves! We need your helping hanging the greens and preparing our sanctuary for Advent. Whether you can give an hour, or three, your time is greatly appreciated. Contact Pam Ridlehuber at pridlehuber@gmail.com for more details or to let her know you can help!

SECOND HOUR: BUDGET UPDATE 2025, Sunday, November 24, 11:45 am - 1:00 pm • Buckham Room • Join us as we discuss our congregation's 2025 Budget. We'll provide an update on this year's Stewardship Campaign and take a closer look at where our budget stands for 2025.

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK SERVICE, Wednesday, November 27, 7:00 pm • Save the date — all are welcome!

Calendar go to CCSM-UCC.ORG/EVENTS for full calendar of events and meetings

Here is a calendar of events, meetings, and other activities. Please contact whoever is listed as the host, or Chase Montara at *cmontara@ccsm-ucc.org*, for further information or to list an event here.

Sunday, November 17

9:45 - 10:15 AM	**Joyful Noise Kids' Choir/Music Program,** Community Room/CE Bldg.
9:45 - 10:30 AM	**Pick-A-Party Signup,** Kloss Hall
10:30 - 11:30 AM	**60-Minutes,** Fireplace Room
10:30 - 11:30 AM	**Worship Service**, in person and online (FB and YouTube)
10:45 - 11:30 AM	**Youth & Children's Programs**, CE Building
11:30 AM	**Coffee Hour,** Kloss Hall
12:00 PM	**Pick-A-Party Silent Auction Closes**, Kloss Hall (still time to sign up after service)
11:45 AM - 2:00 PM	**Second Hour: End of Life Discussion and luncheon**, Buckham Room
3:00 - 4:30 PM	**Arthur Tkachenko Piano and Organ Concert,** Sanctuary

Monday, November 18

1:00 - 2:30 PM	**Burlingame Music Club**, Kloss Hall
4:00 - 6:00 PM	**Samaritan House Meal Service,** Kloss Hall

Tuesday, November 19

10:00 - 11:30 AM	**Men's Coffee Hour**, Food Court, Hillsdale Mall (contact Peter Held, paheld1417@gmail.com)
4:00 - 6:00 PM	**Samaritan House Meal Service,** Kloss Hall
6:30 - 8:00 PM	**Board of Directors Meeting**, Buckham Room and Zoom

Wednesday, November 20

4:00 - 6:00 PM	**Samaritan House Meal Service,** Kloss Hall
7:00 - 8:30 PM	**Chancel Choir Rehearsal,** Sanctuary
7:15 PM	**Bilingual Latino Ministry Worship - Servicio de Adoración bilingüe**, Kloss Hall

Thursday, November 21

10:15 - 11:30 am	**Women's Coffee Group**, Food Court, Hillsdale Mall: contact linda.skromme@gmail.com
4:00 - 6:00 PM	**Samaritan House Meal Service,** Kloss Hall
6:45 - 8:45 PM	**Carillon Bells Rehearsal,** Sanctuary

Friday, November 22

1:30 - 3:00 PM	**Bella Voce Rehearsal,** Choir Room
4:00 - 6:00 PM	**Samaritan House Meal Service,** Kloss Hall

Saturday, November 23

8:30 - 10:30 AM	**CC Riders Weekly Bike Ride** (contact Peter Held for more info)
10:30 AM	**Coffee with CC Riders**, Village Hub in Woodside (3154 Woodside Road)

Sunday, November 24

9:30 - 10:00 AM	**Joyful Noise Kids' Choir/Music Program,** Community Room/CE Bldg.
10:30 - 11:30 AM	**Worship Service** in person and online (FB and YouTube)
10:45 - 11:30 AM	**Youth & Children's Programs,** CE Building
11:30 AM	**Stewardship Celebration at Coffee Hour,** Kloss Hall
11:45 AM - 12:30 PM	**Open Cathedral Sandwich Making**, Kloss Hall Kitchen
11:45 AM - 1:00 PM	**Second Hour: Budget Update 2025**, Buckham Room

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