Congregational Church of san mateo

June 5, 2022

Penny's Farewell / Pentecost Sunday

EACH SUNDAY at 10:30am in person AND on Youtube and Facebook
(tune in live at 10:30 or watch later)

Links for tuning in on Facebook and Youtube
https://www.facebook.com/CCSM.UCC/
OR
https://www.youtube.com/user/ccsmMediaChannel/videos

Prelude *Tree of Life (2013)* Angela Kraft Cross, organ
by Angela Kraft Cross

Welcome Jorge Perry Bautista, Sheryl Johnson

↑ **Opening Hymn** *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*
Words: Timothy Rees. Tune: Nettleton

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding o'er a world of gloom and blight;
Holy Spirit, ever raising earthbound souls to glory high
Living, life-imparting Spirit; you we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever breathing on the church the breath of life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving through your people's ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming in the church the mind of Christ:
In our worship we will praise you for your fruit and gifts unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working through the church's ministry—
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving, setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to soul,
In community unending you we worship and extol.

↑ **Sharing the Peace**

Welcoming New Members Sebastian Steinbach, Jane Warren, Steve and Sue Bell, Linda Fenn, Gail Young

Congregational Response

ALL: We welcome you into the fellowship of the Congregational Church of San Mateo. We grant you all the rights and responsibilities of membership in this beloved community and commit to journeying with you in faith and in justice. Together with those who have held this community in sacred trust throughout the years, we are the people of God in this place.

Offering Today's plate offering goes to **Together Rising**

Together Rising is a pillar of the Buffalo community led by black women which continues to provide critically needed support and resources to people in the community following the shooting. The center is 2.5 miles from Tops Grocery store, where the shooting occurred. (Tops has since closed, leaving a food desert in its wake.) The community center's mission is to aid, assist, develop, foster, encourage and preserve the cultural, economic, social and physical welfare of residents of the Delavan-Grider area of the city of Buffalo. It offers an after school program, summer camp, free youth counseling, and activities and free/low cost hot and healthy lunches for seniors.

To give online, Text 73256 and type in CCSM Plate $__ (with the amount). You will quickly receive a response text that asks you to click on an included link. The first time you do your plate offering this way, you'll be asked for your payment information—but

you only do this one time and it takes about two minutes. You'll quickly get a confirmation text.
Or click here to go directly to CCSM's online giving link. Of course, you may always simply send a check to the church office (225 Tilton Ave., San Mateo, CA 94401) with a note on the memo line stating where the funds are to be applied.

Offertory *Grazioso* Carillon Ringers Bell Choir
by Arnold Sherman

↑ **Scripture** Matthew 11:2-6 Veril Phillips
When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

↑ **Acclamation** *Open my Eyes, Lord* verse by Melanie Dresbach
by Jesse Manibusan
Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord: help me to see.
Open my ears Lord, help me to hear your voice
Open my ears, Lord, help me to see.
Open my heart, Lord, help me to love like you
Open my heart, Lord: help me to love.

Verse: And the first shall be last and our eyes are opened:
We'll hear like never before.
We'll think in new ways and we'll see God's face, in places we've never known.
I live within you, deep in your heart, O love.
I live within you, rest now in me.

Sermon FULL CIRCLE Penny Nixon

Special Music *What Does the Lord Require of You?* Chancel Choir
by Angela Kraft Cross Lynnelle Bilsey, Director

Communion

Communion Song *Come to the Table of Grace*
by Barbara Hamm
Come to the table of grace, come to the table of grace.
This is Christ's table, not just yours or mine, come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of peace… love… joy…

Ritual of Release Julie Lenden, Veril Phillips

Leader: This is a time to give thanks,
for the times of challenge and hardship
for the times of tiredness and distress
for the times of solidarity and justice with peace.

People: We give thanks
for the times of unfinished business and uncertainty
for the times of failure and disappointment
for the times of heartbreak and loss
We give thanks
for the times of joy and elation
for the times of connection and wonder
for the times of community and healing.

Leader: This is a time to remember,
a time to invite Spirit,
a time to celebrate,
a time to shed tears,
a time to notice your heart,

People: a time to accept change,
a time to let go,
a time to breathe deeply,
a time to trust.

Leader: For all that has been in these full years of ministry we are grateful.

ALL: We thank God who has been faithful to us all along.

Leader: For all funerals led, people visited, lives mourned,

People: For all new lives welcomed, thanksgivings and baptisms celebrated,

Leader: For all new relationships blessed and marriages marked,

People: For new members welcomed, interns trained, ministries formed, churches and communities sustained,

Leader: For all sermons and prayers written, songs and hymns chosen, liturgies crafted,

People: For all communities and organizations supported, stories listened to and held with care and confidence, and for the work unnoticed and hard to measure,

Minister: I give thanks.

People: We give thanks.

Minister: Thank you for the grace and forgiveness you have offered for the times I failed you, disappointed you and made mistakes. CCSM, I thank you for the

love, kindness, and support shown me these last 15 years. I am grateful for the ways my leadership and ministry has been accepted. And I carry with me all that I have learned from this beloved community.

People: We receive your thankfulness, and we want to thank you for extending that same grace and forgiveness to us when we needed it. We express our gratitude for your time among us. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us with your departure.

Leader: And now, do you, the members and friends of CCSM, release Penny from the duties of being our senior minister?

People: We do, with the help of God.

Leader: Do you, Penny, release this local church from turning to you and depending on you?

Minister: I do, with the help of God.

Leader: Do you offer your encouragement for the continued ministry here and on the relationship with the others who will come to serve?

Minister: Absolutely!

ALL: God, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. In our time together, we shared our laughter and tears, our hopes and dreams. Guide us as we hold these cherished memories but move in new directions, and let all of us be faithful in the service of love and justice. AMEN.

Sending Forth

↑ **Closing Hymn** *In The Midst of New Dimensions (1, 4, 5)*

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways.
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

Refrain: God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey, now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.

We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,
Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung.

Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit, resurrect the church again.

Benediction

Postlude *Toccata on Veni Creator* by Maurice Duruflé Angela Kraft Cross, organ

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Join us for Coffee Hour, in person or on Zoom. Click HERE for Zoom link.

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 in the Joys and Concerns. 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. Please know that many in your CCSM community are facing challenges and experiencing both emotional and physical pain; so even though a prayer need may not be recorded here, please hold your brothers and sisters in your heart. Since this is an online document, we are omitting phone numbers and addresses. Please check your directory or go to MyCCSM to find phone numbers and addresses to send cards.

Recent prayer requests

Robert Leung would like to honor the memory of his parents **Elise and Ken Leung**.

Prayers of comfort for **Lee Mullery** and family. Lee's brother, **Harry Wallace**, passed away in Wisconsin on May 15 at the age of 94.

Prayers for **Mary Ann Notz** recovering from another surgery earlier this week, she came home on Wed. night, but requests cards & emails right rather than calls please.

Prayers are requested for **Beverly Woodhouse,** mother of **Lauren Mathews and grandmother of Cole and Lily Mathews,** who was admitted to a rehabilitation facility in Massachusetts after suffering a stroke.

Prayers are requested for **Karen,** who was placed on hospice for liver failure.

Kim requests prayers for restoration of health.

Megan Goulden requests prayers for her friend **Susan**, whose husband **John** just had a heart attack. Please pray for healing and peace for the family.

A memorial for **Kyle Neil** will be held at a later date. Please continue to keep the family in your prayers.

Ongoing prayer requests

Continuing prayers of strength, encouragement, and healing for our beloved brothers and sisters: **Betsy Woodward and Phil Lind**'s son **Andrew Lind**, **Cynthia Carley**'s friend **Diane Talgo, Cheryle Matteo's** brother **Lou Matteo**; **Barbara Knees**; **Joanie Kilroe**'s sister **Kay**; **Albert C. Read III**; **Ruth Black; Gene Chelberg and David Meissner; Dorothy Gorman; Dr. Jim Groundwater; Jim Ingwersen; Malcolm Jones; Bill Melis; Lee Mullery; Clare Naegle; Cari Parker; Dottie Scott; Gary Steele; Jim Dresbach; Veril Phillips'** granddaughter **Eva; Don and Jonathan's** brother **Chuck Ruthroff; Michele Moffitt's**

brother and his daughter; **Krystal Burndon's** sister **Janelle Sharp; Cynthia Carley's** friend **John Gallegos; Ada Harrigan.**

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.

Joyful Noise in the Memorial Garden!

Next **Sunday, June 12,** join Joyful Noise Youth Music Director Julie Berk for a fun filled morning of songs, movement, instruments, and instrument making! The children will start with the music and then will make their very own shaker/tambourines. Finally, it will be time to shake, rattle, and roll with their own handmade instruments!
Questions? Contact Julie at 650-400-9808 or teacherjulie@pacbell.net.

Coming Back to Community Events

Celebrate summer with your fellow CCSM members! Check your calendars for the upcoming events listed below and sign up with Sandy McNabb (Sandra.j.mcnabb@gmail.com, 650-678-5650) or Diane Kalliam (dkalliam@gmail.com, 415-279-1359).

June 12, 1:00-3:30 Laurelwood Park hike with Rev. Sheryl Johnson. There are still a few spots left for a great outdoor experience.

June 18, 7:00 pm Ice Cream Social Singalong at CCSM. Melanie Dresbach and Siew Kang will lead singers of all ages in old favorites such as *Blowin' in the Wind* and *She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain,* kid-friendly odes like *Bats Eat Bugs*, and songs from other cultures/languages, so there will be something for everyone. All are welcome to attend—there are no age or vocal talent requirements—plus ice cream!

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

Here is a calendar of Zoom events and other virtual 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, June 5

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	**Worship Service** in person and online (FB and YouTube)
11:30 AM	**Coffee Hour** in person and on Zoom (click HERE for Zoom link)

Monday, June 6

7:15 PM - 8:45 PM	**Spiritual Conversations Group** (ZOOM)

Wednesday, June 8

7:00 - 8:30 PM	**Chancel Choir Rehearsal** - Sanctuary
7:15 PM - 9:00 PM	**Wednesday Gathering** - Spanish Service

Thursday, June 9

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM **Carillon Ringers Rehearsal** - Choir Room
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM **In the Spirit of Sharing** with Chase Montara (ZOOM)

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New Members - June 5, 2022

Sebastian Steinbach

Sebastian was born and raised in rural Germany, earned a Master's degree in mechanical engineering, and ran the family company for 8 years before transplanting his life to Burlingame, where he sought to "reinvent" himself. He dedicated much of his time to his three children, stepped on the martial arts path of Aikido in which he now holds a black belt, and trained for the last 5 years under Ronit Herzfeld at Leap Forward to integrate and apply latest findings in psychology, sociology, neuroscience, philosophy, biology and spirituality. In 2021, Sebastian founded the "Wild Hearts Kids Club" to empower kids in elementary school age through playful, educational events and experiences. Throughout his life, Sebastian never found a spiritual "home community" because of the excluding character many denominations still represent. CCSM and Penny's open-hearted wisdom was different, assuring him that anyone would be welcome here to bring their authentic self.

Jane Warren

In 1956, after my father and sister recovered from polio, my family moved from San Francisco to the Peninsula. Growing up, my parents never spoke about God or the bible, and we never prayed. In 2001, prompted by the passing of my father, I set off on my own journey to learn about God by attending evening classes at a local Presbyterian church. I found learning about Jesus so fascinating I could barely think about anything else and was swept off my feet by the Holy Spirit. I soon became a follower and was baptized at age 49. I have attended a number of churches on the Peninsula in search of a flock that felt right and was drawn to CCSM for its profound sermons and sincere commitment toward helping the world become a greener, kinder, and more loving place for everyone.

Stephen Bell (Steve)

Steve was born in Wichita, Kansas and moved to South San Francisco, California when he was 6. At a young age, he studied trumpet and jazz music performance. He graduated with a degree in music from Cal State Hayward. Steve taught music in SF elementary schools for 30 years. Concurrently, he served as choir director and trumpet/flute soloist at St. John's United Church of San Bruno. He has taught brass and flute privately to many students over the years. He and his wife Susan have two sons, Douglas and Scott.

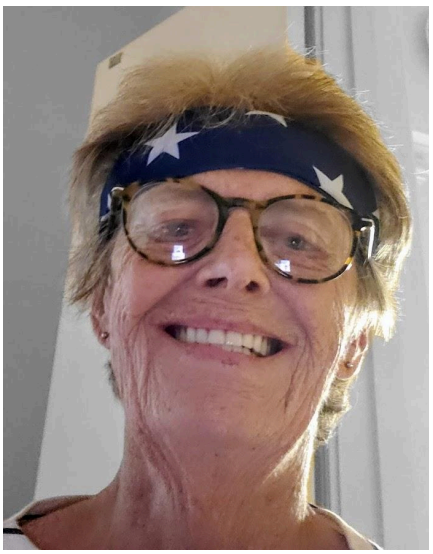
Susan Bell (Sue)

Sue was born in San Francisco and was raised in South San Francisco. She plays guitar (classic and folk style), Celtic harp, piano and organ. She graduated from UC Berkeley and earned her MA in teaching music from College of Notre Dame in Belmont. Susan taught music enrichment classes in pre- and elementary schools on the Peninsula; she is also a certificated Montessori teacher. She played organ and piano for St. John's for 35 years before retiring in 2021. She enjoys needlework of all kinds, baking, and traveling to visit sons Douglas and Scott whenever possible.

Linda Fenn

I began attending CCSM this past summer along with my dear friend, Annie Lambertson. I have enjoyed Annie's bright outlook and outspoken politics for years, so I decided to visit her beloved church. Here I found a missing piece of my life with a Christian message I could wholeheartedly embrace! Also, another close friend, Donna Lindsay, attended church with me in Portola Valley and loves CCSM!
Presently, I tutor children of all ages and especially love sharing my art classes with them!
(photo: Linda Fenn and partner John Anderson)

Gail Young



I am grateful every day that I'm lucky enough to have always lived the life I wanted.
I discovered scholarship at SMU, learning such languages as Old English and Old Norse, in addition to living in Fascist Spain. I ended my college career by earning a doctorate in Victorian literature.
I've been a magazine writer and editor, a legal assistant, a speechwriter, and a college English instructor.
My joy derives from flyfishing, reading, guitar playing, and good friends. And finally, at 70, I rejoice that I have never relinquished the love of learning and the desire for God.