



SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS
FALL SERIES 2021:
REIMAGINING AND REBUILDING
OUR LIVES

Sept. 12 Rebuilding Community
Sept. 19 Restoring: The Healing Process
Sept. 26 Realigning: Learning What Matters
Oct. 3 Reimagining Jesus

HOMECOMING SUNDAY • September 12, 2021

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

And in person in the sanctuary!

Links for tuning in on Facebook and Youtube

<https://www.facebook.com/CCSM.UCC/>

OR

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ccsmMediaChannel/videos>

Prelude

Canon in A-flat
by Robert Schumann

Angela Kraft Cross

Welcome

Jorge Baustista, Penny Nixon

Opening Hymn

Joyful, Joyful

#4

Words: Henry Van Dyke. Music: Ludwig von Beethoven

Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, God of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the storms of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays,
Stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain teach us what our praise should be.

You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Loving Spirit, Father, Mother, all who love belong to you;
Teach us how to love each other, by that love our joy renew.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Boundless love is reigning o'er us, reconciling race and clan.
Ever singing, move we forward, faithful in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us onward in the triumph song of life.

Sharing of peace

Prayer Song

O Shelter Me

Melanie Dresbach

by Father Michael Joncas, SJ

Shepherd and sheep, my God and I
to fresh green fields you led my steps in days gone by
You gave me rest by quiet springs
and filled my soul with peace your loving presence brings.

Refrain:

O shelter me, O shelter me; The way ahead is dark and difficult to see
O shelter me, O shelter me; All will be well if only you will shelter me.

Yet now I tread a diff'rent way
Death dogs my path with stealthy steps from day to day
I cannot find your peaceful place
But dwell in dreary darkness, longing for your face. *REFRAIN*

I will look back in days to come
and realize your faithfulness has led me home
Within your house I'll find my peace
trusting that in your mercy you have sheltered me. *REFRAIN*

Prayer

Offering

Today's plate offering goes to **Call Primrose**

CALL Primrose is a non-profit organization providing grocery assistance and referrals for services for families and individuals, including seniors and those struggling with homelessness in San Mateo County. What began in 1983 as a telephone information and referral service is now also a drop-in food pantry. As an essential service provider, CALL Primrose is remaining open during regular grocery distribution hours: Monday – Friday from 9:30 am to 2:45 pm. For the safety of clients, volunteers and staff, distribution is outside. **Until further notice, CALL Primrose is not accepting any donations of food or other items, and greatly appreciates financial donations in order to continue to support community members in need.** www.CALLprimrose.org

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

The Oboe Sonata in D Major, Op. 166 (2nd movement)

by Saint-Saens

James Koeppen, Oboe

Don Harper, piano

Poem

Tickled Pink

Lisa Mallette

by Kevin Kling

At times in our pink innocence, we lie fallow, composting, waiting to grow.
And other times we rush headlong like so many of our ancestors.
But rushing or fallow, it doesn't matter
One day you'll round a corner, you'll blink
And something is missing
Your heart, a memory, a limb, a promise, a person
An innocence is gone
Your path, as though channeled through a spectrum, is refracted, and has left you in a
new direction.
Some won't approve
Some will want the other you
And some will cry that you've left it all
But what has happened, has happened, and cannot be undone.
We pay for our laughter. We pay to weep. Knowledge is not cheap.
To survive we must return to our senses...touch, taste, smell, sight, sound.

We must let our spirit guide us, our spirit that lives in breath.
 With each breath we inhale, we exhale.
 We inspire, we expire.
 Every breath holds the possibility of a laugh, a cry, a story, a song.
 Every conversation is an exchange of spirit, the words flowing bitter or sweet over the tongue.
 Every scar is a monument to a battle survived.
 When you're born into loss, you grow from it.
 But when you experience loss later in life, you grow toward it.
 A slow move to an embrace,
 An embrace that holds tight the beauty wrapped in the grotesque,
 An embrace that becomes a dance, a new dance, a dance of pink.

***Acclamation**

Holy Spirit
 by Ken Canedo

Ho - ly Spir - it, come in - to our lives.

Ho - ly Spir - it, make us tru - ly wise.

***Scripture**

Acts 2:14-21

James Koeppen

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
 "In the last days it will be, God declares,
 that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
 and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
 and your young men shall see visions,
 and your old men shall dream dreams.
 Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
 in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
 and they shall prophesy.
 And I will show portents in the heaven above
 and signs on the earth below,
 blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
 The sun shall be turned to darkness
 and the moon to blood,
 before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

***Acclamation**

Holy Spirit reprise

Sermon

REBUILDING COMMUNITY

Penny Nixon

Special Music

Rise Up
By Andra Day

Roma Olvera, soloist
Melanie Dresbach, piano

Sending Forth

Closing Hymn/Communion

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

words: Thomas Chisholm • music: William M. Runyan

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, Creator
There is no shadow of turning with Thee,
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above;
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

Benediction

Postlude

Toccata from Symphonie V
by Charles-Marie Widor

Angela Krafft Cross

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Communion is available for individuals/families on the lawn following the service.

Virtual Coffee Hour is on hiatus

Joys and Concerns - September 12, 2021

*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 now, 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

Prayers for **Melanie Dresbach's Dad**, as he recovers from his recent stroke.

Prayers for **Linda Stoick**, as she mourns the loss of her friend Gail.

Prayers for **Andrew Lind**, who is in Mozambique supporting refugees.

Prayers for **Oscar and his sister**, as they mourn the loss of Oscar's niece **Yeni Estefani**.

Please pray for **Malcolm Jones**, for improved efficacy of his cancer treatments and for improved management of this pain.

Mary Aguirre requests prayers for the women and children of Afghanistan - that they will be safe and that the rights they have gained over the last 20 years are not rolled back.

Prayers for **Elise Leung** who is back in the hospital as of this week. And for the **Leung** family as they continue to grieve **Ken's** passing last January 24, 2021. **NOTE:** The celebration of life for Ken, which had been scheduled for August 21, has been postponed to **Saturday, September 18.**

Deb Chang asks for prayers for her friends **Kori and Diana**, and **Kori's mother**, as the family deals with covid infection and exposure. Also, please pray for **the family of Deb's friend Tyler Burchfield** who has 4 family members in Florida who have either gotten breakthrough Covid delta variant infections or were infected with Covid because they were too young to be vaccinated.

Prayers for **Dorothy Gorman** who had a health issue arise, she is at home recuperating.

Ongoing prayer requests

Prayers for **Rosemarie's** dear friend **Mary Spinoccia** who had a complicated ear surgery in the UK. Prayers for full recovery and freedom from pain.

Request from **Phil Lind** for prayers for his brother **Geoff Lind**, who is having knee replacement surgery on August 17.

Prayers for **Tori Sparkman-Lewis** and her family as they travel the path of loss together in mourning their beloved "little sister" and daughter, **Grace**. May Grace rest in peace.

Continuing prayers of strength, encouragement, and healing for our beloved brothers and sisters: **Bill Melis, Dr. Jim Groundwater and family, Bill Daniels, Marjorie Griffin, Thelma Kromhout, Rev. Travis Woodmansee's** mother **Cathy, Mike and Kay Harris'** friend **Mary Helen McMahon, Cathy Latta, Dottie Scott, Oakley Hewitt, Veril Phillips'** granddaughter **Eva, George Vail's** friend **Dan Ware, Ron Nordquist (Alice Nordquist's father/Nathan Daniels' father-in-law), David Meissner and Gene Chelberg, Chuck Ruthroff (Don and Jonathan's brother), Ruth Black, Gail Evans'** friend **Michelle, Martha Bronitsky's** mother **Bobbye Gorenberg, Julie Lenden's** father **Reggie Barnes, Elizabeth Campbell, Linda Stoick's** friends **Ivy, Mary Anne, Ada, Susan, and Alexis, John and Marty Marks, Donna Terry, Rebecca Ruedy-Whelan's Mom, Nancy, Cheryle Matteo's brother, Lou,** and others as they walk their unique journeys with cancer and other health challenges.

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.

▫ **Renters Advice Assembly in San Mateo**

Have you struggled to pay rent during the pandemic? Are you worried about getting evicted after the eviction moratorium ends on Oct. 1?

You don't have to move! Come learn about your rights, apply for rental relief, and stay protected from eviction!

September 18, 10am - 12pm at St James AME Zion Church, 825 Monte Diablo Ave., SM

September 25, 10am - 12pm at St. Matthews Catholic Church, 1 Notre Dame Ave., SM

[CLICK HERE](#) for printable flyers in English and Spanish to share.

▫ **Climate Change "Unequivocally" Caused By Humans** Early last month, the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released its sixth major report summarizing the latest research on climate change. While no one in the climate movement was surprised, the report stated for the first time that humans have unequivocally caused climate change. To delineate these findings and their past reports for our congregation, Gary H. White and the EEJ group recently conducted a Second Hour presentation on the IPCC. Well attended, the Zoom presentation spurred

a lively discussion among the attendees as the implications of the report were explored. To watch a video recording of the 60-minute event, click [this link](#).

▫ **FAMILY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY! SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

8am - noon, Ryder Park Please consider joining us for the San Mateo Bayfront Cleanup! This is a great activity for families to do together (or for youth to do as a group—watch your e-mail for details!). For more information and to sign up, go to: cityofsanmateo.org/1857/Bayfront-Cleanup

▫ **MONDAY EVENING CLASSES ON RACISM RESUME: THE SUM OF US**

Four Monday evenings at 7:00pm on ZOOM • September 20, 27 and October 4, 11

Join Penny for teaching and discussion on *The Sum of Us* by Heather McGhee.

Ibram Kendi (How to Be an Anti-Racist) says, “This is the book I’ve been waiting for.”

“The Sum of Us is a brilliant analysis of how we arrived here: divided and self-destructing, materially rich but spiritually starved and vastly unequal. McGhee marshals economic and sociological research to paint an irrefutable story of racism’s costs, but at the heart of the book are the humble stories of people yearning to be part of a better America, including white supremacy’s collateral victims: white people themselves. With startling empathy, this heartfelt message from a Black woman to a multiracial America leaves us with a new vision for a future in which we finally realize that life can be more than a zero-sum game.” (from the back cover)

Please register [here](#) for the class and you will be sent the reading assignments and the zoom link.

(We will not be having Second Hours in person until it is safer to be in a smaller room together so for now, Monday nights will allow more people to participate—we can be online.)

▫ **MUSIC & ART • FRIDAY, SEPT. 17 • NOON IN THE BUCKHAM ROOM (IF POSSIBLE)** Bring your own lunch; beverages and dessert provided.

Piano duet program presented by Linda Mallette and Mary Ann Notz, aka “The Pan-dynamic Duo.” Music by Haydn, Beethoven and Dvorak.

RSVP to Susan Duty at susanjd52@gmail.com or by phone 650-533-6830

▫ **LIFEMOVES ANNUAL BREAKFAST • Thursday, September 23, 8am**

Join this virtual fundraising event and hear from LifeMoves CEO Aubrey Merriman,

Keynote Speaker Steve Kerr of the Golden State Warriors and of course an inspirational client speaker from one of LifeMoves’ programs—always the highlight of the event.

Questions? Contact Lynnelle Bilsey at lbilsey@lifemoves.org or register at lifemoves.org/team

▫ **LIFEMOVES 7TH ANNUAL RIDE TO END HOMELESSNESS! Saturday, October 23**, Menlo Park. Get more information and register [HERE](#).

▫ **WAYS TO CONNECT AT CCSM!** As we are in a time of reopening and reconnecting,

here are some ways to get involved! There are small groups and service opportunities that are both in person and online. Take a look at some of our current groups by clicking [HERE](#) or going to ccsm-ucc.org/connect.

□ **TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO HAVE A GROUP DISCUSSION of *Rising Strong* by Brené Brown Spiritual Conversations** • Every other Monday • 7:15 - 8:45 pm On ZOOM
Contact: Chris Wuthmann (cewuthmann@gmail.com)

Sisters in Spirit (SIS) • First and Third Fridays, 1:00-3:00pm
Contact: Rebecca Ruedy-Whelan (rebeccaruedy@gmail.com)

□ ***If you're looking for information on how to provide financial assistance to Afghan refugee families***, here are some recommended by the family of an Afghan interpreter: **IRC** (International Rescue Committee) rescue.org A principal resource "on the ground" dedicated to refugee resettlement.

IRAP (International Refugee Assistance Project)(aka - refugeerights.org More policy oriented, but also providing assistance and advocacy for refugees.

East Bay Covenant Sanctuary eastbaysanctuary.org Assist a wide range of individuals who come into the Bay Area with their attorney resources, providing guidance and perspective.

No One Left Behind: nooneleft.org Led by veterans; has been instrumental in keeping the pressure on Washington to honor commitments to Afghan interpreters and other allies.

□ **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT HOMEWORK CENTRAL!** Volunteer with 3rd-5th graders at an in-person after school program! All training provided to help you help students with their homework. Check out our volunteer page at SMHWC.org!

□ **Chase is hoping to find a few volunteers that could provide rides to church on Sunday mornings for a few of our local elders.** Please contact Chase in the church office.

□ **Zoe is on sabbatical!** Zoe, our administrative assistant, is taking a sabbatical through the end of January—her last day was Sept. 9—and is so grateful to CCSM for making this possible... and especially to Austin Mader-Clark, who will be filling in for her while she is gone. Please direct anything you would have sent to Zoe (bulletin, Pine Tree) along to Austin at amaderclark@ccsm-ucc.org, or ask Chase.

Calendar

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.

If you want to help plan and host a CCSM digital event, [be in touch with Chase](#) to get started.

Sunday, September 12

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal - Kloss Hall
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship Service - FB Livestream
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM Coffee Hour ([Zoom](#))

Wednesday, September 15

7:15 PM - 9:00 PM Wednesday Gathering - Spanish Service

Thursday, September 16

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

Find out more about the above events by contacting hosts:

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