

iucc Irvine United Congregational Church

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Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Gathering

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

By Brian Doerksen (adapted Gary Barmore)

Come, now is the time to worship;
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come just as you are to worship;
Come just as you are before your God.
Come.

Ev'ry day we live in the light of God's love,
Ev'ry day we walk by faith.
Now we're here to open our hearts once more,
Now we give thanks for grace.

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Singing

You are Welcome Here

by Gerard DeMan

You are welcome here, no matter who you are,
no matter where you are on life's journey.
You are welcome here, no matter who you are,
come and join with us, we're united in the church of Christ.

Come now all people, join in the song,
come be a part of the family of God.
We are God's people, and you belong,
share in the joy of Christ. (refrain)

We pray for justice; we pray for peace;
we hear the word of the Savior of all.
we find God's mercy; we find release,
sharing the joy of Christ. (refrain)

Lifting each other; doing what's right;
standing together, whatever may come;
praising our Savior, shining our light
sharing the joy of Christ. (refrain)

Centering

Blake Richardson

Playing

Fresh Word

Joining

Congregation:

We recognize the spirit of Jesus of Nazareth as a real and important force in the universe.

Will you join us in this faith?

New Members:

I now join with you to trust and celebrate God's love.

Congregation:

We are committed to a daily struggle to let God's spirit remold our lives from within.

Will you join us in this struggle?

New Members:

I commit to grow with you.

Congregation:

We believe ourselves to be one family, bound together by God's love. Therefore, we seek in every way we can to make that love believable for each other.

Will you join us in this mutual ministry?

New Members:

I will. We entrust to you both our needs and our gifts.

Congregation:

Will you now unite with us in our covenant?

ALL:

We join together with God and with each other to provide an environment upon for all to worship God, to develop Christian values, to share life's experiences, to strive for truth, justice and peace, and to respond with compassion to the needs of others. We do this in the love of Jesus and in our desire to do the will of God.

Praying

Craig Tyrl

Administrative Pastor IUCC

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

By Ken Medema

Lord, Listen to your children praying, Lord, Send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Offering

We Are an Offering

By Dwight Liles

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.
God, use our voices, God, use our hands,
God, use your lives, they are yours,
We are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you;
we are an offering, we are an offering.

Reading

Matthew 14:22-32

Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Learning

Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Sending

Carry the Light

By Debby Moylan

We have all witnessed your presence,
We have received your grace.
We give you honor and glory,
For moving in this place.

Now we go out to share the good news.

Now we go out to share your love.

Now we go out to share the good news.

Now we go out to share your love:

Carry the light! Carry the light!

Carry the light to all the Earth!

Carry the light! Carry the light!

Carry the light of Jesus Christ!

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