

iucc Irvine United Congregational Church
*An Open & Affirming, Just Peace, Global Mission, Creation Justice
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

March 31, 2024 • 9:30am

EASTER

Prelude *Ride On! Ride on in Majesty!* Yuyoung Jeong, piano
by John Bacchus Dykes

Gathering Song *As We Gather* Congregation
by Coomes & Fay

As we gather may your Spirit work within us
As we gather may we glorify your name
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship
We'll be blessed because we came [repeat]

Welcome iucc.org/visitor Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Gong

Introit *Easter Fanfare* Chancel Choir
by E.E. Ferguson

Call to Worship Connie Jones

One: Yesterday we thought death had won.
Many: Yesterday we thought all was lost.

One: Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.
Many: But not today.

One: Today we know that love has won.
Many: Today we know that hope is real.

One: Today we know that Christ is here.
Many: We have a reason to hope.

One: We have a reason to sing!
Many: Alleluia!

One: Alleluia!
All: Christ is risen today.

Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Congregation

New Century Hymnal # 233 (v. 1,2,3)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Mortal tongues and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, glad heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Let the Victor's people sing, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, Christ lives to save, Alleluia!
Where's your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Christ rise, Alleluia!
God has opened paradise, Alleluia!

A Fresh Word

Anthem

Easter Festival
by Michael S. Bryson

Chancel Choir

Taize

Congregation

Prayers of the Church

Craig TyrI

Our Creator (Father, Mother, or other name as you are comfortable),
which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kin-dom 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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory Call

Connie Jones

Song of Thanksgiving • "Micah 6:8"

God has shown you, O peo-ple what is good; And
what does the Lord re-quire of you? But to do just-ly and to
love mer-cy, and to walk hum-bly with your God.

Prayer of Dedication

Connie Jones

Music

Return to You
by Can Olgun, Andra Moran, Ben Grace

Joy Dorko, Jenna Hansen, Jaime Reza

Scripture

Luke 24:1-12

Connie Jones

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Benediction

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Response

Alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
[Repeat]

Congregation

Postlude

Ride on King Jesus

Yuyoung Jeong, piano

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