



Irvine United Congregational Church

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

August 23, 2020 – 11:00 AM

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

My Jesus, I Love Thee
by A. J. Gordon (1876)

Joshua Chandra

Gathering Song

IUCC Voices

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

the Rev. David Pattee

<https://www.iucc.org/who-we-are/membership/lets-get-acquainted/>

Call to Worship

in dialogue with Romans 12

Craig TyrI

One: How may we live together peacefully and bring hope to the world?

All: Let love be genuine. Hate what is evil and hold fast to what is good.

One: When we honor one another with kindness and compassion,

All: Strong in our enthusiasm to follow and serve Christ,

One: We lead lives of worship, each moment an act of prayer.

All: So let us worship God in word and deed, spirit and truth.

Hymn

I'm Pressing on the Upward Way
led by Chris Peterson, Dir. of Music

Hymnal #442

I'm pressing on the upward way, new heights I'm gaining every day;
Still praying as I'm onward bound, "O plant me, God, on higher ground."

(Refrain) O lift me up, and I shall be by faith in heaven eternally,
A higher plane than I have found, O plant me, God, on higher ground.

I want to scale the utmost height, and catch a gleam of glory bright;
But still I'll pray till heaven I've found, "God, lead me on to higher ground."

(Refrain)

Scripture*Exodus 1:8-2:10*

Craig Tyrl

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

A Fresh Word

David Perez, MYP Director

Anthem*Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal*
Traditional, arr. Alice Parker

Intern Quartet

Sermon *The Tyrant Goes Berserk* Pastor Dave

Solo *Let There Be Peace on Earth* Brianna Finnell
by Jill Jackson Miller & Sy Miller soprano

Prayers of the Church the Rev. Steve Swope

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer...

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 Pastor Dave

Invitation <https://www.iucc.org/giving/give-online>

Offertory Music *Tell Me the Story of Jesus* Joshua Chandra
by Fanny J. Crosby & John R. Sweney

Prayer of Dedication Craig Tyrl

**Creator God,
you call us to love and serve you
with body, mind, and spirit
through loving your creation
and our sisters and brothers.
Keep our hearts always open in compassion
and receive these offerings made in thanksgiving for all you have given
and in commitment to serving your church and your world.**

Benediction Pastor Dave

Response *Alleluia!* IUCC Voices

Postlude *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Joshua Chandra
ELLACOMBE adapt. Wurth's Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1863

IUCC Office Hours

Pastor Steve & Heidi are in the church office (949-733-0220) M-Th;
Steve checks messages and email on Fridays.
Pastor Dave (773-255-8095) is available M-Th & Sat AM.

This Week at IUCC

- Virtual Coffee Hour** on Zoom Today at 11:45 AM
links to join are in the Friday e-blast!
- Diversity & Inclusion Task Force** on Zoom Today at 12:30 PM
links to join are in the Friday e-blast!
- Adult Bible Study** on Zoom Tues. at 4:00 PM
Stories of King David! Reading in 1 Samuel
email the office (iucc@iucc.org) for information on how to join!
- Midweek Adult Study** on Zoom Wed. at 6:30 PM
Survey of the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament)
email the office (iucc@iucc.org) for information on how to join!
- John Pavlovitz at IUCC** on Zoom Sat. at 10:00 AM
"When the World Is Upside Down," plus Q&A
register online at www.iucc.org/register to get your personal Zoom link!
- Worship Next Sunday** on Facebook at 11:00 AM
<https://www.facebook.com/irvineucc>

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