



Irvine United Congregational Church

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

August 30, 2020 – 11:00 AM

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
by Wm. M. Runyan (1923)

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 & the Rev. Terry LePage

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

Preface

from Exodus 3:1-15

Hymn

Your Ways Are Not Our Own
led by Chris Peterson, Dir. of Music

Hymnal #170

Your ways are not our own, O gracious God most high,
Yet we would follow in your paths and on your love rely.

Christ teaches us to bless the ones who curse and harm,
To turn the other cheek when struck, attackers to disarm.

Yet, we cannot excuse abuse in any form,
For all are children of your care, and love must be our norm.

How shall we show your love, your pardon to believe?
You bid us share as we are blessed and give as we receive.

Forgiveness is our joy, receiving, giving, too.
Keep us from judgments hard and cruel, that we may dwell with you.

Scripture*Matthew 16:21-28*

Terry LePage

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

A Fresh Word

David Perez, MYP Director

Solo

Give Me Jesus
Trad. Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

Steven Amie, baritone

Sermon

Overcoming Evil
Romans 12:9-21

Pastor Dave

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Anthem

I'd Rather Have Jesus
Trad. Irish melody, arr. Tom Fettke
Daniel Alvarez, violin

Intern Quartet

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

Oh, How He Loves You and Me
by Kurt Kaiser

Joshua Chandra

Prayer of Dedication

Terry LePage

**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!

Intern Quartet

Postlude

Prelude & Fugue V in D Major
BWV 850 by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Joshua Chandra

This Week at IUCC

Virtual Coffee Hour links to join are in the Friday e-blast!	on Zoom	Today at 11:45 AM
Diversity & Inclusion Task Force links to join are in the Friday e-blast!	on Zoom	Today at 12:30 PM
Adult Bible Study <i>Stories of King David! Reading in 1 Samuel</i> links to join are in the Friday e-blast!	on Zoom	Tues. at 4:00 PM
Midweek Adult Study <i>Survey of the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament)</i> links to join are in the Friday e-blast!	on Zoom	Wed. at 6:30 PM
Worship Next Sunday https://www.facebook.com/irvineucc	on Facebook	at 11:00 AM

IUCC Office Hours

Pastor Steve & Heidi are in the church office (949-733-0220) M-Th;
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