



# Irvine United Congregational Church

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

September 13, 2020 – 11:00 AM

## **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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**Prelude** *Amazing Grace* Joshua Chandra

*Columbia Harmony (1829)*

**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

[www.iucc.org/visitor](http://www.iucc.org/visitor)

**Call to Worship** Felicity Figueroa

One: Christ came proclaiming peace to those who were far off, and to those who were near.

**All: Through him, we are called to live with courage in God's loving embrace.**

One: So we are no longer strangers or aliens but, in Christ, we are one body and one spirit

**All: Together, we are citizens with the saints, members of the household of God, built on the prophets and the apostles, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone.**

**Hymn** *I Love to Tell the Story* Hymnal #522

*led by Chris Peterson, Dir. of Music*

I love to tell the story of unseen things above.  
Of Jesus' radiant glory, of Jesus' endless love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

*Refrain:* I love to tell the story; and when I am in glory  
I'll tell the old, old story of Jesus' endless story.

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems  
than all the golden visions of all our golden dreams.  
I love to tell the story, I tell it now to you  
because I want to share it, because I know it's true.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.  
And when I sing in glory, I know the new, new song  
will be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

**Scripture**

*Acts 1:12-16, 21-26*

Felicity Figueroa

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—

So [now] one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

**A Fresh Word**

David Perez, MYP Director

**Anthem**

*Sing to the Lord*  
*by Paul Basler*  
*Derek Venlet, French horn*

Intern Quartet

**Sermon**

*Casting Your Lot*

Pastor Dave

**Solo**

*From a Distance*  
*by Julie Gold*

Jacob Hall, countertenor

## 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

[www.iucc.org/giving](http://www.iucc.org/giving)

Offertory Music

*Behold, What Manner of Love*  
by Patricia Van Tine

Joshua Chandra

Prayer of Dedication

Felicity Figueroa

**Creator God,  
you call us to love and serve you  
with body, mind, and spirit  
through loving your creation,  
our sisters and brothers, and all our siblings.  
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

*Amazing Grace*  
Columbia Harmony (1829)

Joshua Chandra

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*The flowers are given by Laura Long, in memory of  
her father Dr. Paul C. Long on this, his birthday. Thank you.*

## 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

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| <b>Virtual Coffee Hour</b><br>links to join are in the Friday e-blast!   | on Zoom     | Today at 11:45 AM  |
| <b>Diversity &amp; Inclusion Task Force</b><br>links to join are in the Friday e-blast!  | on Zoom     | Today at 12:30 PM  |
| <b>Ministries Board</b>  | on Zoom     | Mon. at 7:00 PM    |
| <b>Adult Bible Study</b><br><i>Stories of King David! Reading in 1 &amp; 2 Samuel</i><br>links to join are in the Friday e-blast!                          | on Zoom     | Tues. at 4:00 PM   |
| <b>Midweek Adult Study</b><br><i>Survey of the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament)</i><br>links to join are in the Friday e-blast!                           | on Zoom     | Wed. at 6:30 PM    |
| <b>Worship Next Sunday</b><br><a href="http://www.facebook.com/irvineucc">www.facebook.com/irvineucc</a> or <a href="http://www.iucc.org">www.iucc.org</a> | on Facebook | at 11:00 AM        |
| <b>Advocates for Peace &amp; Justice</b><br>links to join will be in the Friday e-blast!   | on Zoom     | Sunday at 12:00 PM |

### Our Staff

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