



# Irvine United Congregational Church

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

September 20, 2020 – 11:00 AM

## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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### Prelude

*The Savior Is Waiting*  
*by Ralph Carmichael (1958)*

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

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

### Call to Worship

*from Psalm 145*

Tricia Aynes

One: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised.

**All: God's greatness is unsearchable.**

One: Let us meditate on the glory and splendor of God's wondrous works.

**All: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding  
in steadfast love.**

### Hymn

*Great Is Your Faithfulness*  
*led by Chris Peterson, Dir. of Music*

Hymnal #423

Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator,  
with you no shadow of turning we see.  
You do not change, your compassions they fail not;  
all of your goodness forever will be.

*Refrain:* Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed your hand has provided,  
Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
to your great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

*Refrain*

**Gospel**

*Matthew 20:1-16*

Tricia Aynes

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

**A Fresh Word**

David Perez, MYP Director

**Anthem**

*Simple Gifts*  
*Shaker song, arr. Aaron Copland*

Intern Quartet

**Sermon**

*Where Are You in Line?*

Pastor Dave

**Anthem**

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

Intern Quartet

**Recognizing Pastor Dave**

Tricia Aynes, Moderator

## 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

*What Heavenly Music*  
*Hymns & Tunes (1886)*

Joshua Chandra

Prayer of Dedication

Tricia Aynes

**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

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*  
*ASH GROVE (Welsh folk tune)*

Joshua Chandra

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of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! Congratulations!*

## IUCC Office Hours

Pastor Steve & Heidi are in the church office (949-733-0220) M-Th;  
Steve checks messages and email on Fridays.

## This Week at IUCC

Links to join Zoom events are in the Tuesday & Friday email updates

<b>Virtual Coffee Hour</b>	on Zoom	Today at 11:45 AM
<b>Advocates for Peace &amp; Justice</b>	on Zoom	Today at 12:00 PM
<b>Diversity &amp; Inclusion Task Force</b>	on Zoom	Today at 12:30 PM
<b>Administration Board</b>	on Zoom	Mon. at 7:00 PM
<b>Adult Bible Study</b> <i>Stories of King David! Reading in 1 &amp; 2 Samuel</i>	on Zoom	Tues. at 4:00 PM
<b>Midweek Adult Study</b> <i>Survey of the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament)</i>	on Zoom	Wed. at 6:30 PM
<b>Diversity &amp; Inclusion Book Study</b> <i>SO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT RACE by Ijeoma Oluo</i>	on Zoom	Thurs. at 7:00 PM
<b>Green Faith Forum</b> <i>Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL) Update</i>	on Zoom	Sat. at 10:00 AM
<b>Worship Next Sunday</b> <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>Diversity &amp; Inclusion Forum</b> <i>The Stigma of Addiction, Systemic Racism, and the War on Drugs: The Need for a New National Drug Policy</i>	on Zoom	Next Sunday at 12:30 PM
<b>Advocates Ballot-Issues Forum</b>	on Zoom	Mon. 9/28 at 7:00 PM

### Our Staff

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