



# Irvine United Congregational Church

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

October 25, 2020 – 11:00 AM

## Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

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### Prelude

*Onward, Christian Soldiers*  
*ST. GERTRUDE by Arthur S. Sullivan (1842-1900)*

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

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

the Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

### Call to Worship

Matt Mirmak

One: We gather together aware of our distance,

**Many: As those who wander in the wilderness, we await our return to the  
Promised Land!**

One: Hungry for connection, we lament these isolating days.

**Many: Rain down your sustenance! Remind us we have enough. Remind  
us we are enough!**

One: For you have been generous, Oh God; open our eyes to your gifts among  
us!

**Many: Grant us the courage to see the bounty and reflect your generosity  
along our way.**

One: Bind us together, united even in distance, that we might journey with you,

**Many: In faith, we continue in the midst of new dimensions together.**

### Stewardship Moment

[iucc.org/pledge](http://iucc.org/pledge)

Pastor Sarah

### Hymn

*In the Midst of New Dimensions*  
*Led by Chris Peterson, Dir. of Music*

Hymnal #391

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,  
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?  
(Refrain) God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,  
We your people, ours the journey now and ever,  
now and ever, now and evermore.

As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,  
Grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams.  
(Refrain)

**A Fresh Word**

David Perez, MYP director

**Solo**

*The Garden Song*  
by Dave Mallett

Jacob Hall, countertenor

**Prayers of the Church**

Pastor Sarah

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**

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

**Offertory Music**

*Jesus, Remember Me*  
by Jacques Berthier (1981)

Joshua Chandra

**Prayer of Dedication**

Matt Mirmak

**Scripture**

*Exodus 16:1-4*

Matt Mirmak

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

**Sermon**

*Wandering into Chosen Ways*

Pastor Sarah

**Anthem**

*We Are Called*  
by David Haas, arr. Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir

**Benediction**

Pastor Sarah

**Response**

*Alleluia!*

IUCC Voices

**Postlude**

*I Love to Tell the Story*  
by William G. Fischer

Joshua Chandra

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in celebration of their daughter Torrey's 32<sup>nd</sup> birthday!*

### **2021 Stewardship Campaign – New Dimensions**

Members and friends of IUCC should have received a letter by email this past week, inviting you to reflect on what our church means to you and how you might support its work and witness in the midst of new dimensions – in response to pandemic and joyfully, in pastoral leadership.

We hope you can respond with generosity to help us respond from the financial challenges brought about by the pandemic, so that we can face 2021 with boldness, walking into new dimensions together! [iucc.org/pledge](https://iucc.org/pledge) Thank you.

### **All Saints' Day Remembrance of Loved Ones – Next Sunday, Nov. 1**

It is our tradition to remember, on All Saints' Day, those who have died during the past year. This year we will be including photos of IUCC members – and your loved ones, if you wish. Simply send a digital photo by email (include your loved one's name) to the church office at [iucc@iucc.org](mailto:iucc@iucc.org) by 8:00 am on Wednesday.

### **IUCC Office Hours**

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

Pastor Sarah is off on Fridays; during the rest of the week she can  
be reached at [PastorSarah@iucc.org](mailto:PastorSarah@iucc.org) or 714-293-0241.

## This Week at IUCC

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

[Sign up on our website!](#)

<b>Virtual Coffee Hour</b>	on Zoom	Today at 11:45 AM
<b>Diversity &amp; Inclusion Task Force</b>	on Zoom	Today at 12:30 PM
<b>Safe Trunk-or-Treat</b>	IUCC Parking Lot	Today at 4:00 PM
<b>Adult Bible Study</b>	on Zoom	Tues. at 4:00 PM
<i>Story of King David! Reading in 1 &amp; 2 Samuel</i>		
<b>Midweek Adult Study</b>	on Zoom	Wed. at 6:30 PM
<i>Survey of the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament)</i>		
<b>Diversity &amp; Inclusion Book Study</b>	on Zoom	Thurs. at 7:00 PM
<i>SO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT RACE by Ijeoma Oluo</i>		
<b>Octo-Beer/Cider Fest</b>	on Zoom	Fri. at 7:30 PM
<i>Reservations by <b>Today at 2 pm</b> to Brian Percy-Schofield!</i>		
<b>Worship Next Sunday</b>	on Facebook	at 11:00 AM
<a href="https://www.facebook.com/irvineucc">https://www.facebook.com/irvineucc</a> or <a href="http://www.iucc.org">www.iucc.org</a>		

### Our Staff

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