



Irvine United Congregational Church

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

November 15, 2020 – 11:00 AM

Stewardship Sunday

Prelude *Sonata Pathétique: II. adagio cantabile* Joshua Chandra
by Ludwig van Beethoven

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 the Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Call to Worship Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi

One: We come from all walks of life: the rich, the poor; the struggling and the secure.

Many: And God calls us all.

One: We bring our hearts to this time and place – hearts holding joy and sorrow, questions and wonders.

Many: And God knows us.

One: We offer what we have to give: our talents and our imperfections, our faith and our doubt, our hope and our hands.

Many: And God loves us.

One: Called, known, loved:

Many: We walk into new dimensions of faith with hope, assurance and a pledge to follow Jesus and be the church!

by Rev. Stacey Fischer-Gehring, adapt. Halverson-Cano

Stewardship Moment iucc.org/pledge Chuck Heath

Hymn *In the Midst of New Dimensions* Hymnal #391
led by Chris Peterson & the Intern Quartet

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.

New Dimensions Spotlight

Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again.

(Refrain)

A Fresh Word

David Perez, MYP director

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

Offertory Music *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Joshua Chandra
from John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music (1813)

Prayer of Dedication

Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi

Scripture

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints — and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. Now as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you — so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

Sermon

To Be Sanctuary

Pastor Sarah

Blessing of Pledges

Anthem

Here Am I, Send Me
by John Purifoy

Chancel Choir

Benediction		Pastor Sarah
Response	<i>Alleluia!</i>	IUCC Voices
Postlude	<i>The Solid Rock</i> by William B. Bradbury	Joshua Chandra

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This Week at IUCC

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

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Virtual Coffee Hour	on Zoom	Today at 11:45 AM
Advocates for Peace & Justice	on Zoom	Today at 12:00 PM
Diversity & Inclusion Task Force	on Zoom	Today at 12:30 PM
Administration Board	on Zoom	Mon. at 7:00 PM
Adult Bible Study <i>Story of King David! Reading in 2 Samuel</i>	on Zoom	Tues. at 4:00 PM
Midweek Adult Study <i>Survey of the Hebrew Scriptures – last session until January!</i>	on Zoom	Wed. at 6:30 PM
Diversity & Inclusion Book Study <i>SO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT RACE by Ijeoma Oluo – last session</i>	on Zoom	Thurs. at 7:00 PM
32nd Annual Thanksgiving Service <i>Online at https://universitiesynagogue.org/event/pre-thanksgiving-shabbat-services-11-20-2020/</i>		Fri. at 7:00 PM
Talking About Work	on Zoom	Sat. at 10:30 AM
Worship Next Sunday https://www.facebook.com/irvineucc or www.iucc.org	on Facebook	at 11:00 AM

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
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