



# Irvine United Congregational Church

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

November 8, 2020 – 11:00 AM

## Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

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**Prelude** *6 Consolations: No. 3 in D-flat major* Joshua Chandra  
*by Franz Liszt (1811-1886)*

**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** Ava Mitchell

One: In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,  
who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

**All: A crown, a title, an officer of the state? Democrat or Republican?  
Who?**

One: We look for leaders to tell us where to go and how to get there.

**All: Who will forecast our future? Who will determine our fate?**

One: As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,  
grant that we, your global village might envision wider dreams.

**All: God of rainbow, fiery pillar, remind us again, that it is not them  
we need to lead us.... It's us.**

One: In the midst of new dimensions and in the face of changing days,

**All: We, your people – we will lead the way!**

**Stewardship Moment** [iucc.org/pledge](http://iucc.org/pledge) Connie Jones

**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

We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,  
Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung.  
(Refrain)

### A Fresh Word

David Perez, MYP director

### Anthem

*By Our Love*  
by Christy Nockels, arr. Mary MacDonald  
Jaime Reza, guest tenor

Intern Quartet

### 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

*Seek Ye First*  
by Karen Lafferty (1972)

Joshua Chandra

#### Prayer of Dedication

Ava Mitchell

### Scripture

*Psalm 85:8-13 (adapt.)*

Ava Mitchell

God the Lord will speak peace to God's people  
who turn to God in their hearts  
Surely salvation is at hand  
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet  
justice and peace will kiss each other  
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground  
and justice will look down from the sky  
Justice will go before the Lord  
and will make a path for the Lord's steps

### Sermon

*This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song*  
with reflections by Lauren Louie & Daniel Blackburn, Patty McCarthy  
& Jean Stewart, and Martha McCartney & Lyle Norton

Pastor Sarah

### Benediction

Pastor Sarah

### Response

*Alleluia!*

IUCC Voices

## Postlude

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  
*Welsh melody, adapt. by John Roberts*

Joshua Chandra

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## **2021 Stewardship Campaign – NEW DIMENSIONS**

As we reflect on the future of IUCC and our mission to the community and the wider world, we invite you to pledge your financial support as a partner in that work and witness.

We hope you can respond generously to help us address the financial challenges brought about by the pandemic and face 2021 with boldness, walking into new dimensions together! Please go to [iucc.org/pledge](http://iucc.org/pledge) by November 15. 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 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>Ministries Board</b>	on Zoom	Mon. at 7:00 PM
<b>Adult Bible Study</b>	on Zoom	Tues. at 4:00 PM
<i>Story of King David! Reading in 2 Samuel</i>		
<b>Child Care Committee</b>	on Zoom	Tues. at 6:30 PM
<b>Midweek Adult Study</b>	on Zoom	Wed. at 6:30 PM
<i>Survey of the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) – 2 more weeks!</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 – 2 more weeks!</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>		
<b>Advocates for Peace &amp; Justice</b>	on Zoom	next Sunday at 12:00 PM

## **Our Staff**

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