



Irvine United Congregational Church

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

December 24, 2020 – 8:00 & 10:00 PM

Christmas Eve

Prelude *Noel Provençal* Brian Noel, harp
by Marcel Grandjany

Introit *Joy to the World* Intern Quartet
by Isaac Watts & Lowell Mason

Welcome iucc.org/visitor the Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Call to Worship Elizabeth Rodriguez

One: We look for an extraordinary sign of hope for our world but God's sign
is most ordinary of all:

Many: A young woman is with child.

One: We look to power for strength in our world but God points to the most
vulnerable:

Many: She gives birth.

One: We look far and wide for a key to God's mystery, but God points us
home:

Many: She calls this child Emmanuel: God-with-us!

One: Let us rejoice, and worship our God

Many: in our ordinary, vulnerable, at home lives: God-with-us!

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Prayer Pastor Sarah

Lighting the Advent Candles the Burke-Wilding Family

Candle Response *I Choose Light* Chris Peterson, Dir. of Music
by Brownie Macintosh

Offertory Invitation iucc.org/giving Elizabeth Rodriguez

Solo *O Holy Night* Brianna Finnell
by Adolphe Adam (1847) soprano

Scripture *Isaiah 9:2-7* the Rev. Steve Swope

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| Scripture | <i>Luke 1:26-38</i> | Pastor Sarah |
| Anthem | <i>African Noel</i> <i>by Andre Thomas</i> | Chancel Choir |
| Scripture | <i>Matthew 1:18, 21-23</i> | Pastor Steve |
| Carol | <i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> <i>Trad. French; arr. Thomas Helmore</i> | Intern Quartet |
| Scripture | <i>Luke 2:1-5</i> | Pastor Sarah |
| Carol | <i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i> <i>by Lewis H. Redner</i> | Brian Noel, harp |
| Scripture | <i>Luke 2:6-7</i> | Pastor Steve |
| Carol | <i>The First Nowell</i> <i>Trad. English Carol</i> | Intern Quartet |
| Scripture | <i>Luke 2:8-14</i> | Pastor Sarah |
| Anthem | <i>Angel Medley</i> <i>Hark! the Herald Angels Sing/Once in David's Royal City/ Angels We Have Heard on High/Angels from the Realms of Glory</i> | Intern Quartet |
| Scripture | <i>Luke 2:15-20</i> | Pastor Steve |
| Solo | <i>Some Children See Him</i> <i>by Wihla Hutson & Alfred S. Burt (1951)</i> | Brianna Finnell soprano |
| Homily | | Pastor Sarah |
| Carol | <i>Peace, Peace/Silent Night</i> <i>by Rick & Silvia Powell; arr. Fred Bock</i> | Chancel Choir |
| Postlude | <i>It Came upon the Midnight Clear</i> <i>by Richard S. Willis (1850)</i> | Brian Noel, harp |

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*We are grateful for the talents of **Brian Noel**,
who brings beautiful harp music to us every Christmas Eve!*

This Week at IUCC

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

[Sign up on our website!](#)

Worship on Sunday on Facebook at 11:00 AM
<https://www.facebook.com/irvineucc> or www.iucc.org

Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom Today at 12:00 PM

Diversity & Inclusion Task Force on Zoom Sun. at 12:30 PM

Adult Bible Study on Zoom Tues. at 4:00 PM

Story of King David! Reading in 2 Samuel

*** Church Office Closed Thursday & Friday ***

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 by email or by cell/text at 714-293-0241.

Our Staff

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