



Irvine United Congregational Church

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

December 20, 2020 – 11:00 AM

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* Joshua Chandra
by Richard Storrs Willis (1850)

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 Sofia Portillo

One: With Hope, we have prayed for darkness to fully give way to Light.

Many: We have waited. We prepared. Now, we are ready.

One: With Peace, we pray for the world, we pray for our communities;

Many: The Prince of Peace will reign in our hearts.

One: With Joy, we expectantly prepare for the Good News of which the angel
sings;

**Many: Joyfully we celebrate the birth of the one breaking into our world
again.**

One: With Love, we give selflessly, knowing God has given us the most
wonderful gift;

**Many: God's love with us, in us, in a gift so great we often fail to
comprehend: Emmanuel!**

One: And so, with the advent of the Christ, the hope of the hurting, the promise
of peace, the joy of the world, the love of the Eternal –we pray:

**Many: May Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love shine forth from us to light the
world! The baby is coming!**

Introit *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Intern Quartet
Trad. French; arr. Thomas Helmore

Lighting the Advent Candles the Halverson-Cano Family

Candle Response

I Choose Love
by Brownie Macintosh

Chris Peterson, Dir. of Music

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.

A Quarantine Christmas

a Pageant from the Ministry with Young People

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written by Karen Frazier, Bronwyn Edwards, Ryan Sales
& Kendall Ring Parton; edited by Sarah Halverson-Cano*

Scene 1	<i>'Twas a Pandemic Christmas</i>	Ava Mitchell
Scene 2	<i>Signs of the Times</i>	IUCC Children
Scene 3	<i>We Need a Little Christmas</i>	Chancel Choir
Scene 4	<i>Offertory Invitation</i> iucc.org/giving	Christian Murdy & Eric Houston
Scene 5	<i>The Holly and the Ivy</i>	Joshua Chandra
Scene 6	<i>Offering Prayer</i>	Eric & Christian
Scene 7	<i>Advent Candle of Hope</i>	Ananth & Nikhil Strasma
Scene 8	<i>'Twas a Pandemic Christmas</i>	Ava
Scene 9	<i>Camels and Costumes</i>	IUCC Children Scott Bollens & Glenna Matthews
Scene 10	<i>A Knock on the Door</i>	Ava
Scene 11	<i>We Wish You a Merry Christmas</i>	ECC 3-year-olds
Scene 12	<i>A Joke</i>	Aiden Perez
Scene 13	<i>Advent Candle of Peace</i>	Ananth & Nikhil
Scene 14	<i>A Special Visit Cancelled</i>	the Perez family
Scene 15	<i>Angel Story</i>	Tiffany Wilding & Mollie Halverson-Cano
Scene 16	<i>Advent Candle of Joy</i>	Ananth & Nikhil
Scene 17	<i>Camel Riding Practice</i>	Eric & Christian
Scene 18	<i>The First Nowell</i>	Intern Quartet
Scene 19	<i>Kids' Instrumental Practice</i>	IUCC Children
Scene 20	<i>A Joke</i>	Mollie
Scene 21	<i>Advent Candle of Love</i>	Ananth & Nikhil
Scene 22	<i>'Twas a Pandemic Christmas</i>	Ava

Scene 23	<i>Christmas Nativity Play</i>	Tiffany & Henry
Scene 24	<i>Christmas Eve in the Sanctuary</i>	Mollie & Micah
Scene 25	Brianna Finnell, Chris Peterson, Pastor Sarah	Credits

Postlude *Of the Parent's Love Begotten* Joshua Chandra
Gregorian plainsong

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*The flowers are given by Cheryl & Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi,
 in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!*

Pageant Cast List

Jennifer Blackburn	Ananth Strasma
Scott Bollens	Nikhil Strasma
Henry Burke-Wilding	Tiffany Wilding
Mira Burke-Wilding	
Micah Halverson-Cano	IUCC Chancel Choir
Mollie Halverson-Cano	Joshua Chandra, Accompanist
Eric Houston	Brianna Finnell, Choral Intern
Nathaniel Keslerwest	Jacob Hall, Choral Intern
Glenna Matthews	Chris Peterson, Dir. of Music
Ava Mitchell	Craig Tyrl, Casting
Christian Murdy	David Perez, Dir. MYP
Aiden Perez	Sarah Halverson-Cano, Sr. Pastor
Hannah Perez	

IUCC 2020 Advent Calendar

Keith & Renae Boyum	Chuck & Linda Heath
Patty McCarthy & Jean Stewart	Teri Olson & Sandy Sudweeks
Dale & Susie Lang	Craig & Mary Repp
Debra & Wayne Banwell	Daniel, Jennifer, Lewis Blackburn &
Jeff Benedick & Duane Vajgrt	Lauren Louie
Alex & Jon Ingal	Kristen Norton
Chris & Tina Peterson	Bill, Eliza & Sarah Wall
Paul Shirey	Irene & Rob Thornton
Linda Haghi	Sarah Gokhale, Edward Lau & Anne
Felicity Figueroa	Rosse
Lester Ricks	Connie Jones
Karolyn Fencil	Markyce, Micah, Mollie & Sarah
Santa Claus	Halverson-Cano
Tricia Aynes	Mary & Steve Swope

This Week at IUCC

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

[Sign up on our website!](#)

Virtual Coffee Hour	on Zoom	Today at 12:00 PM
Advocates for Peace & Justice	on Zoom	Today at 12:00 PM
Adult Bible Study	on Zoom	Tues. at 4:00 PM
<i>Story of King David! Reading in 2 Samuel</i>		
Christmas Eve Worship	Thursday at 5:30, 8:00 & 10:00 PM	
<u>https://www.facebook.com/irvineucc</u> or <u>www.iucc.org</u>		
* Church Office Closed Thursday & Friday *		
Worship Next Sunday	on Facebook	at 11:00 AM
<u>https://www.facebook.com/irvineucc</u> or <u>www.iucc.org</u>		
Diversity & Inclusion Task Force	on Zoom	Next Sun. at 12:30 PM

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.

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