



Irvine United Congregational Church

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

December 27, 2020 – 11:00 AM

First Sunday after Christmas

Prelude *Good King Wenceslas* Joshua Chandra
arr. Thomas Helmore (1853)

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

Anthem *The Twelve Days of Christmas* Chancel Choir
arr. Bob Chilcott

Call to Worship *from Galatians 4:4-5* Jon Ingal

One: Let us worship God in thanksgiving for this wonderful gift.
When the fullness of time had come, God sent a Son, born of a woman...
so that we might receive adoption as children.

Many: God's gift among us! God's gift in us!

One: Children of the living God: Rejoice!

Many: The baby is born! Christmas is come!

ALL: Joy to our world! Joy alive in our world again!

Anthem *Star Carol* Intern Quartet
by John Rutter

A Fresh Word David Perez, Dir.
Ministry with Young People

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

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Offertory Music

A la Nanita Nana
by José Ramón Gomis (1904)

Joshua Chandra

Prayer of Dedication

Jon Ingal

Solo

Christmas Time Is Here
by Vince Guaraldi

Jacob Hall, countertenor
Kristen Norton, flute

Scripture

Luke 2:21-35, 39-40

Jon Ingal

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Sermon

Christmas Begins

Pastor Sarah

Hymn

Joy to the World
by Isaac Watts & Lowell Mason

Intern Quartet

Benediction		Pastor Sarah
Response	<i>Alleluia!</i>	IUCC Voices
Postlude	<i>Hark! the Herald Angels Sing</i> <i>by Felix Mendelssohn</i>	Joshua Chandra

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*The flowers are given by Heidi & Mark Willcox, in celebration of
granddaughter Colette's 1st birthday, Dec. 19. Congratulations!*

Mission & Service Ministry will be collecting jackets & sweaters, hygiene & first-aid kits, and gift cards for the homeless during the month of January. A bin will be on the Patio Monday-Thursday, 9:30-4:30. Thank you!

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
Diversity & Inclusion Task Force	on Zoom	Today at 12:30 PM
Adult Bible Study	on Zoom	Tues. at 4:00 PM
<i>Stories of King David – Reading in 2 Samuel</i>		

*** 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>		

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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