



Irvine United Congregational Church

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

January 10, 2021 – 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Epiphany Sunday

Prelude *I Stand Amazed in the Presence* Joshua Chandra
by Charles H. Gabriel

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 Lesli Mitchell

One: We are still in the darkness, scanning the sea of night above us,
searching...

**Many: Our eyes squint to see it. Our hearts jump at each speck of
diamond. Our breath catches.**

One: Will we encounter the star? Will we find the light?

Many: We spot it. Sojourners on an illumined path, we follow its direction.

One: Will we find the Star-Child?

Many: What shall we do if we find him?

One: When we arrive we'll know.

**Many: We're nearly there, the bright light leads us. The wisdom of the
cradle calls us on.**

Hymn *Star Child* Chris Peterson, Dir. of Music
by Shirley Erena Murray

Star-Child, earth-Child, go-between of God,
love Child, Christ Child, heaven's lightning rod.

(Refrain) This year, this year let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

Hope-for-peace child, God's stupendous sign,
Down-to-earth child, Star of stars that shine.

(Refrain)

A Fresh Word

David Perez, Dir.
Ministry with Young People

Anthem

Go Tell It on the Mountain
African-American spiritual, arr. John W. Work II
Jessica Cosley, guest pianist

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

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Offertory Music

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
by Robert Jackson

Joshua Chandra

Prayer of Dedication

Lesli Mitchell

Hymn

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
led by Chris Peterson, Dir. of Music
Jessica Cosley, guest pianist

Hymnal #160

Hark! the herald angels sing, Jesus, the light of the world;
Glory to the Christ-child bring, Jesus, the light of the world.
(*Refrain*) We will follow the light, beautiful light,
come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright,
shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the light of the world.

Joyful, all you saints arise, Jesus, the light of the world;
Join the triumph of the skies, Jesus, the light of the world.
(*Refrain*)

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Jesus, the light of the world;
Christ, the everlasting Word, Jesus, the light of the world.
(*Refrain*)

Hail the Bearer of God's peace! Jesus, the light of the world;
Hail the Sun of righteousness! Jesus, the light of the world.
(*Refrain*)

Scripture*Matthew 2:1-12*

Lesli Mitchell

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Sermon*Light to Change the World*

Pastor Sarah

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Pastor Sarah

Response*Alleluia!*

IUCC Voices

Postlude*Draw Me Nearer*
by Fanny Crosby

Joshua Chandra

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Tanja Fencl, who would have celebrated her birthday today.*

Mission & Service Ministry will be collecting jackets & sweaters, hygiene & first-aid kits, and gift cards for the homeless during the month of January (see our website for details - iucc.org/your-donations-can-help-the-unsheltered-homeless). A bin will be on the Patio Monday-Thursday, 9:30-4:30. Thank you!

New Women's Book Groups are forming now – new books, 10-week sessions!
More information and sign-up details at iucc.org/new-books-new-groups

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
Ministries Board	on Zoom	Mon. at 7:00 PM
Adult Bible Study	on Zoom	Tues. at 4:00 PM
<i>Stories of King David – Reading in 2 Samuel</i>		
Administration Board	on Zoom	Tues. at 7:00 PM
Old Testament Survey	on Zoom	Wed. at 7:00 PM
<i>Reading in the book of Joshua</i>		
Talking about Work	on Zoom	Sat. at 10:30 AM
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
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