



Irvine United Congregational Church

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

March 28, 2021 – 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Palm Sunday

Prelude *In This Very Room* Joshua Chandra
by Ron & Carol Harris

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

Journey Inside *We Are a Wilderness, Wandering People* Chris Peterson
by Jim & Jean Strathdee Dir. of Music

Call to Worship August Lobato, Jr.

One: Prepare the way!

Many: "Hosanna! Hosanna!" We shout, we sing!

One: Our palms sway, our feet dance, our hearts cry out!

Many: Prepare the way! Prepare the way!

One: Ah, our journey's almost over! There's light at the end of our tunnel!

**Many: We have arrived. We have arrived! Open the city's gates! Pour out
into the streets! Finally, the journey is over!**

One: "Hosanna!" we cry.

Many: "Hosanna!" we shout.

ALL: We have arrived, but the journey only continues.

Celebration of Palms

Hymn *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* Hymnal #213
led by Chris Peterson, Dir. of Music

"Hosanna, loud hosanna," the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed amid the cheering crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The one whom angels worship rode on in lowly state,
and glad to see the children, slowed down the donkey's gait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song is ours.
We hail our great Redeemer and sing with all our powers:
"Hosanna, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.
Hosanna! In your presence forever we'll rejoice!"

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

Two-Part Invention
No. 14 in B-flat Major, BMV 785 by J. S. Bach

Joshua Chandra

Prayer of Dedication

August Lobato, Jr.

Anthem

Lift High the Palms
by Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir

Scripture

Matthew 21:1-11

August Lobato, Jr.

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A

very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Sermon	<i>The Journey Inside: Palms at the Table</i>	Pastor Sarah
Benediction		Pastor Sarah
Response	<i>Alleluia!</i>	IUCC Voices
Postlude	<i>Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing</i> <i>18th century Sicilian melody</i>	Joshua Chandra

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*The flowers are given by Heidi & Mark Willcox,
in celebration of Jordan's 30th & Nick's 28th birthdays!*

A Labyrinth is available in the Sanctuary for your Lenten meditations, Monday-Thursday, 10 am to 4:30 pm, by reservation only. Please contact the church office by phone or email. A printable Finger Labyrinth is available at iucc.org/documents.

Easter Worship on the Patio at 8:30 am – LIMITED attendance, reservation required, face masks mandatory. You may register your household online at iucc.org/register.

Mission & Service Ministry's Collection this month supports Friendship Shelter's Residential Shelter Program. A bin will be located on the Patio, outside the Narthex doors, Monday-Thursday, 9:30-4:30. For details and suggestions, visit our website!

Easter Lilies are still available, for \$9.00. Please contact the church office. You will be able to take your lily home after the 8:30 am Easter service, or the following day.

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 10:30 AM & 12:00 PM
Diversity & Inclusion Ministry	on Zoom	Today at 12:30 PM
MYP's Celebration for David	on Zoom	Today at 3:00 PM
Men's Breakfast Group	on Zoom	Mon. at 8:00 AM
Diversity Book Study <i>Waking Up White by Debby Irving (through April 6)</i>	on Zoom	Tues. at 9:00 AM
Adult Bible Study <i>Stories of King David – Reading in 2 Samuel</i>	on Zoom	Tues. at 4:00 PM
Caring Connections	on Zoom	Wed. at 4:00 PM
Old Testament Survey <i>Reading in the book of Judges</i>	on Zoom	Wed. at 7:00 PM
Women's Breakfast Group	on Zoom	Thurs. at 8:00 AM
Maundy Thursday Worship	on Facebook	Thurs. at 7:00 PM
Diversity Book Study <i>Waking Up White by Debby Irving (through April 15)</i>		postponed to next week
Worship Next Sunday	on Facebook	at 9:30 & 11:00 AM
	<u>https://www.facebook.com/irvineucc</u> or <u>www.iucc.org</u>	

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