



# Irvine United Congregational Church

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

April 11, 2021 – 9:30 & 11:00 AM

## Second Sunday of Easter

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**Prelude** *My Shepherd Is the Living God* Joshua Chandra  
*CONSOLATION: Southern Harmony; harm. Erik Routley*

**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](http://iucc.org/visitor) the Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

**Call to Worship** Ava Mitchell

One: Christ is risen!  
**Many: Christ is risen, indeed!**  
One: Yet can we see this miracle through bright eyes and clear vision?  
**Many: Must you see to believe?**  
One: And can we touch the wounds to feel with our own hands?  
**Many: Must your fingers prod and poke to validate your faith?**  
One: What is faith? To believe? To do?  
**Many: To act, to be.**  
One: What miracles may come our way?  
**Many: Open us up to find out!**

**Anthem** *The Storm Is Passing Over* Intern Quartet  
*Trad. Gospel song by Charles Albert Tinley  
arr. Barbara W. Baker*

**A Fresh Word** 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Offertory**

[iucc.org/giving](http://iucc.org/giving)

**Offertory Music**    *These Things Did Thomas Count*  
*DISTRESS: The Sacred Harp; arr. Jonathon McNair*

Joshua Chandra

**Prayer of Dedication**

Ava Mitchell

**Scripture**

*John 20:19-31*

Ava Mitchell

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**Sermon**

*The Mark of Faith*

Pastor Sarah

**Hymn**

*They'll Know We Are Christians*  
*by Peter Scholtes*

Chris Peterson  
Dir. of Music

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored  
(*Refrain*) And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land  
(Refrain)

We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride  
(Refrain)

All praise to the Father from whom all things come  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son  
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one  
(Refrain)

**Benediction**

Pastor Sarah

**Response**

*Alleluia!*

IUCC Voices

**Postlude**

*I Come to the Garden Alone*  
*IN THE GARDEN by C. Austin Miles*

Joshua Chandra

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**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!

**Diversity & Inclusion Ministry** will hold a special conversation – "Practicing: How to Talk about Race" – on Tuesday, April 20 at 9:00 am on Zoom. Details in the email updates next week.

**IUCC Office Hours**

Pastor Steve & Heidi are in the church office (949-733-0220) M-Th;  
Steve answers messages and email on Fridays.  
Pastor Sarah is off Fridays; during the rest of the week she can be reached by email or by cell/text at 714-293-0241.

## This Week at IUCC

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

[Sign up on our website!](#)

<b>Virtual Coffee Hour</b>	on Zoom	Today at 10:30 AM & 12:00 PM
<b>Diversity &amp; Inclusion Ministry</b>	on Zoom	Today at 12:30 PM
<b>Men's Breakfast Group</b>	on Zoom	Mon. at 8:00 AM
<b>Ministries Board</b>	on Zoom	Mon. at 7:00 PM
<b>Adult Bible Study</b> <i>Stories of King David – Reading in 2 Samuel</i>	on Zoom	Tues. at 4:00 PM
<b>Child Care Committee</b>	on Zoom	Tues. at 6:30 PM
<b>Old Testament Survey</b> <i>Concluding the book of Judges</i>	on Zoom	Wed. at 7:00 PM
<b>Women's Breakfast Group</b>	on Zoom	Thurs. at 8:00 AM
<b>Diversity Book Study</b> <i>Waking Up White by Debby Irving (final week)</i>	on Zoom	Thurs. at 7:00 PM
<b>Worship Next Sunday</b>	on Facebook	at 9:30 & 11:00 AM
	<u><a href="https://www.facebook.com/irvineucc">https://www.facebook.com/irvineucc</a></u> or <u><a href="http://www.iucc.org">www.iucc.org</a></u>	

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