



# Irvine United Congregational Church

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

April 18, 2021 – 9:30 & 11:00 AM

## Third Sunday of Easter

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**Prelude** *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* Joshua Chandra  
*by William B. Bradbury*

**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** Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi

One: Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey... you are welcome!

**Many: We each travel different roads, our life's highways intersect here.**

One: In this space, if not this place, in this intersection of here and now:  
our paths cross and we walk a-ways together.

**Many: Who else have we met along our way?**

One: Who will we meet at this next intersection of life?

**Many: The mystery unfolds before us.**

One: The Good News is ours to discover!

**Many: Our journey continues!**

**ALL: Come, let us journey together!**

**Anthem** *Invocation* Intern Quartet  
*by Rollo Dilworth*

**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**

*We Live by Faith & Not by Sight*  
*DUNLAP'S CREEK; harm. Richard Proulx*

Joshua Chandra

**Prayer of Dedication**

Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi

**Hymn**

*Emmaus-Bound on Easter Day*  
*Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*

Chris Peterson  
Dir. of Music

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Emmaus-bound on Easter day, two travelers walked along the way.  
They once had hope, but hope had died when you, O Lord, were crucified.

When you appeared beside the two, they could not see that it was you;  
But as they talked and shared their pain, you gave them hope and joy again.

For as you spoke to them God's word, explaining all they'd seen and heard,  
They understood what God had done and that a new day had begun.

They shared their home; you broke the bread. They saw you, risen from  
the dead!

That moment's grace helped them to see the gift of God's eternity.

**Scripture**

*Luke 24:13-35*

Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then

beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

<b>Sermon</b>	<i>The Easter Zone</i>	Pastor Sarah
<b>Benediction</b>		Pastor Sarah
<b>Response</b>	<i>Alleluia!</i>	IUCC Voices
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!</i> <i>HYFRYDOL by Rowland H. Prichard</i>	Joshua Chandra

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#### **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.

**Earth Day Event** – “Behind the Road for Climate Change: How to Launch Your Own Climate Adventure” – a conversation with Dr. Shahir Masri. Tuesday, April 22 – 6:30-7:30 pm. Zoom Meeting ID: 892 4580 6599 – Password: 067779

## 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>Advocates for Peace &amp; Justice</b>	on Zoom	Today at 12:00 PM
<b>Men’s Breakfast Group</b>	at Paul’s Pantry	Mon. at 8:00 AM
<b>Administration Board</b>	on Zoom	Mon. at 7:00 PM
<b>Diversity &amp; Inclusion Discussion</b>	on Zoom	Tues. at 9:00 AM
	<i>Practicing: How to Talk about Race</i>	
<b>Seekers</b>	on Zoom	Tues. at 10:00 AM
<b>Adult Bible Study</b>	on Zoom	Tues. at 4:00 PM
	<i>Stories of King David – Finishing 2 Samuel</i>	
<b>Old Testament Survey</b>	on Zoom	Wed. at 7:00 PM
	<i>Introduction to 1 &amp; 2 Kings</i>	
<b>Women’s Breakfast Group</b>	on Zoom	Thurs. at 8:00 AM
<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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