



Irvine United Congregational Church

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

April 25, 2021 – 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Green Faith Sunday

Prelude

Sweet Hour of Prayer
SWEET HOUR by Wm. B. Bradbury (1859)

Joshua Chandra

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

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the Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Call to Worship

from Gen 1:12, 26-28 & Psalm 96:11-12

Irene Thornton

One: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice!
Let the sea roar, and let the field exclaim!

**Many: The trees of the forest will sing for joy!
God cares for all of Creation.**

One: When God began to create the heavens and the earth was without
shape, and it was dark over the deep sea while God's Spirit swept
over the face of the waters:

Many: God created everything and called it "good."

One: God created humanity in God's own image to take care of the earth,
the plants, and the animals. From the smallest seed to the largest tree,
from the smallest atom to the largest continent, God calls upon us to
care for our good world.

**Many: It is our responsibility and great joy to care for our world. We pledge
our continued efforts to care for our world, to protect endangered
animals, to secure safe drinking water for areas without it, to reduce
waste and energy use, and to advocate for the protection of all
these resources.**

ALL: With God's help we will care for God's creation. Amen.

Anthem

Beauty All Around Us
by Larry Nickel

Intern Quartet

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 kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory

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Offertory Music

Seek Ye First
by Karen Lafferty (1972)

Joshua Chandra

Prayer of Dedication

Irene Thornton

Living Our Green Faith

produced by Craig Tyrl

Anthem

From a Distance
by Julie Gold

Jacob Hall
Countertenor

Scripture

Genesis 1:28-30

Irene Thornton

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

Sermon

A Green Faith for a Greener World

Pastor Sarah

Hymn

Rising Green
by Carolyn McDade; arr. Jim Scott

Chris Peterson
Dir. of Music

My blood doth rise in the roots of an oak, her sap doth run in my veins.
Boundless my soul like the open sky where the stars forever have lain.
Where the stars, where the stars, where the stars forever have lain.

I feel the tides as they answer the moon, rushing on a far distant sand.
Winging my song is the wind of my breast, and my love blows over the land.
And my love, and my love, and my love blows over the land.

My foot carries days of the old into new, our dreaming shows us the way.
Wondrous our faith settles deep in the earth, rising green to bring a new day.
Rising green, rising green, rising green to bring a new day.

Benediction		Pastor Sarah
Response	<i>Alleluia!</i>	IUCC Voices
Postlude	<i>Let There Be Peace on Earth</i> by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson (1955); harm. C. H. Webb (1987)	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.

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
Advocates for Peace & Justice	on Zoom	Today at 12:00 PM
Men's Breakfast Group	at Paul's Pantry	Mon. at 8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study	on Zoom	Tues. at 4:00 PM
	<i>Finishing the Stories of King David</i>	
Old Testament Survey	on Zoom	Wed. at 7:00 PM
	<i>Reading in 1 & 2 Kings</i>	
Women's Breakfast Group	on Zoom	Thurs. at 8:00 AM
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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