



Irvine United Congregational Church

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

April 4, 2021 – 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Easter Sunday

Prelude *Morning Has Broken* Joshua Chandra
BUNESSAN: Scottish folk melody

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 Tricia Aynes, IUCC Moderator

One: When terror cast a shadow of darkness upon all the earth,
Many: When fear took hold and grief set deep,
One: Death seemed to have the final word.
Many: And just when we thought it was over:
One: Our hearts broken, our weary minds ready to give up:
**Many: The morning broke. The dawn cast out the darkness
and light spread across the earth.**
One: Into the morning, into the light, into the dawn of hope!
Many: Love alive!
One: Christ is risen!
Many: Christ is risen!
ALL: Christ is risen indeed!

Hymn *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* Hymnal #240
led by Chris Peterson, Dir. of Music

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
There the angel clothed in white, Alleluia! Tells the news with great delight,
Alleluia!
This the news the angel gives, Alleluia! That the Sovereign glorious lives,
Alleluia!

Christ appears in full array, Alleluia! Sing with joy this Paschal day, Alleluia!
Christ now from the dead is raised, Alleluia! Holy Trinity be praised, Alleluia!

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

Because He Lives
by William J. Gaither

Joshua Chandra

Prayer of Dedication

Tricia Aynes

Scripture

John 20:1-18

Tricia Aynes

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say

to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Sermon *Rise Up!* Pastor Sarah

Anthem *The Day of Resurrection*
arr. by Shelton Ridge Love Chancel Choir

Communion Invitation Pastor Sarah

Prayer of Thanksgiving (written by Rev. June Goudy)

**For love shared and hope renewed, for promises remembered and
christs among us, for the feasts of this life and those to come, we
give you thanks, O God. Send us forth to reconcile and make new,
praising life in the midst of death, bearing hope on angels' wings,
and giving thanks always and everywhere that life is precious
beyond all telling. Alleluia and Amen.**

Hymn *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* Hymnal #233
led by Chris Peterson, Dir. of Music

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Mortal tongues and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, glad heavens, and earth reply:
Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won,
Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Christ rise, Alleluia! God has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the
skies, Alleluia!

Benediction Pastor Sarah

Response *Alleluia!* IUCC Voices

Postlude *Christ Is Alive* Joshua Chandra
TRURO: Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789

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Easter lilies were given by: Alan & Linda Avery
Ruth Sandberg, in memory of her husband Rev. David Sandberg
Ruth Sandberg, in memory of her sister-in-law Mary Sandberg
Pat Sauter, in honor of family
Mary & Steve Swope, in memory of Maybelle & Edgar Inlay

Mission & Service Ministry is collecting grocery-store gift cards this month to support Second Harvest Food Bank OC. Please mail or deliver to the church office, noting the gift-card amount. Thank you!

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 be reached by email or cell/text to 714-293-0241.

This Week at IUCC

Links to join Zoom events are in the Tuesday & Friday email-updates
[Sign up on our website!](#)

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| Virtual Coffee Hour | on Zoom | Today at 10:30 & 12 |
| MYP Easter Egg Hunt | on the Playground | Today at 1:00 PM |
| Men's Breakfast | at Paul's Pantry | Mon. at 8:00 AM |
| Mission & Service Ministry | on Zoom | Mon. at 6:00 PM |
| Diversity Book Study <i>Waking Up White by Debby Irving (final)</i> | on Zoom | Tues. at 9:00 AM |
| Adult Bible Study <i>Story of King David! Reading in 2 Samuel</i> | on Zoom | Tues. 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 | on Zoom | Thurs. at 8:00 AM |
| Diversity Book Study <i>Waking Up White by Debby Irving (through April 15)</i> | on Zoom | Thurs. at 7:00 PM |
| Worship Next Sunday | on Facebook www.facebook.com/irvineucc or www.iucc.org | at 9:30 & 11:00 AM |

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