



Irvine United Congregational Church

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

May 2, 2021 – 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Pacific Islander-Asian American Ministry (PAAM) Sunday

Prelude

Praise to God

Joshua Chandra

SAKURA: trad. Japanese melody; harm. Jonathon McNair

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

Cesar Sangalang

One: Welcome into the arms of love,
Many: Here and now we create God's sanctuary.
One: To know God is to abide in love,
Many: Where love is, so is God.
One: In many languages and many ways we manifest God's love
and God is present with us.
Many: Pagmamahal, Alofa, Rāk, Love.
ALL: Love is with us. God is here.

Hymn

Let Us Talents & Tongues Employ
led by Chris Peterson, Dir. of Music

Hymnal #347

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
(Refrain) Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
(Repeat)

Christ is able to make us one, at his table he set the tone,
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.
(Refrain)

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!
(Refrain)

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

*Piano Sonata No. 11 (A major)
K 331/300i by W. A. Mozart*

Joshua Chandra

Prayer of Dedication

Cesar Sangalang

PAAM Ministry Moment

Rev. Deborah Lee

Scripture

1 John 4:7-21

Cesar Sangalang

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Sermon the Rev. Marjorie Tolentino-Guese

Anthem *With This Bread, With This Wine* Chancel Choir
by W. A. Mozart; arr. Ken Medema

Communion Invitation the Rev. Mitchell Young

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, we thank you for the Lei of Aloha who is Jesus the Christ. As we have been nourished by Jesus' love at this ordinary table made holy, we live now to share the abundant fruit of God's love with our sisters and brothers throughout the world, so that every empty bowl may be filled with enough rice, every empty stomach satisfied with enough taro. Let us live in God's love so that our joy may be complete. Amen.

Benediction Pastor Sarah

Response *Alleluia!* IUCC Voices

Postlude *Jesus the Christ Says* Joshua Chandra
YISU NE KAH: Urdu melody

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Welcome our guests this morning: the Revs. Deborah Lee, Marjorie Tolentino-Guese, and Mitchell Young, who are helping us celebrate PAAM Sunday (Pacific Islander-Asian American Ministry), an annual UCC observance.

Rev. Deborah Lee, a UCC pastor in the Northern California Nevada Conference, is the Executive Director of Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity, a California-based organization engaging people of faith in the work of immigrant justice and ending the criminalization of people of color. She is the daughter of immigrants and part of the Chinese diaspora that has taken her family through Southeast Asia, Mexico and now the United States. She is a proud parent, partner, soccer player and tai chi practitioner.

Rev. Marjorie Tolentino-Guese was born in the Philippines and worked as a psychotherapist at Balay Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Human Rights Violations. She came to the US and entered Chicago Theological Seminary, interning in Chicago churches and earning her Master of Divinity degree in 2000. She joined Rainbow Praise UCC in 2019 as Administrative Pastor, after serving as Youth Coordinator at Las Vegas UCC since 2010. She is the mother of four and grandmother of 3.

Rev. Mitchell Young, a fourth-generation Chinese American, was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. He is a graduate of the University of Hawaii in 1984 and Fuller Theological Seminary. Mitchell served as a mission volunteer in Thailand for 3 years, where he met his spouse; together they have an 18-year old daughter. Mitchell served his first two pastorates in the Hawaii Conference, UCC. Since 2005, Mitchell has been Senior Pastor of Montebello Plymouth Congregational Church, an historically Japanese American, now multiracial, multicultural UCC church in Montebello, California.

The flowers are given by the “Bacon Not Bleach” Comma Group, remembering their dear friend Tom Ricks, “who even in the darkest of times showed us how to live a life filled with grace, generosity, laughter and kindness.” In loving support of Lester, who keeps that spirit alive so beautifully.

Mission & Service Ministry’s bin collection in May will support Radiant Health Centers and their medical and other services to the LGBTQ+ community. A list of needed items will be found on our website, iucc.org. Bins will be on the Patio M-Th, 9:30-4:30.

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!](#)

Virtual Coffee Hour	on Zoom	Today at 10:30 & 12
Men’s Breakfast	at Paul’s Pantry	Mon. at 8:00 AM
Mission & Service Ministry	on Zoom	Mon. at 6:00 PM
Adult Bible Study	on Zoom	Tues. at 4:00 PM
Spring Meeting Forum	on Zoom	Wed. at 7:00 PM
<i>The Spring Meeting packet will be at iucc.org/documents Tuesday about noon</i>		
Women’s Breakfast	on Zoom	Thurs. at 8:00 AM
Worship Next Sunday	on Facebook	at 9:30 & 11:00 AM
www.facebook.com/irvineucc or www.iucc.org		

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