



Irvine United Congregational Church

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

September 12, 2021 – 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Prelude

His Eye Is on the Sparrow
arr. Mark Hayes

Yuyoung Jeong

Gathering Song

by Tom Coomes & Mike Fay

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

Introit

Welcome Back
by John Sebastian

Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

Christine Roy

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 bodies tired, our weary minds ready to give up:
Many: We found ourselves in the midst of new dimensions.
One: And into the morning, into the light, into the dawn of hope,
we walked together.
Many: Love alive!
One: Christ is risen!
Many: Christ is risen!
ALL: Christ is risen indeed!

Hymn

In the Midst of New Dimensions

by Julian Rush

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?
(Refrain) God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey, now and ever,
now and ever, now and evermore.

We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,
Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung. (*Refrain*)

Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again. (*Refrain*)

A Fresh Word

Ministry with Young People

Anthem

Within These Walls
by Pepper Choplin

Chancel Choir

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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Christine Roy

Prayer of Dedication

Song

I See a Church
by William Thomas, Jr.

Dr. Chris Peterson

I see a church with a vision; I see a church on a mission.

I see a church that has made its mind up,
and it's building our hopes on things eternal.

We're holding to God's unchanging hand.

I see a church with a vision; I see a church on a mission.

I see a church with its doors open wide,
and the poor and the rich worship God side by side.

(*Repeat & add*) and the young and the old have both put down their pride.

(*Repeat & add*) and yes, we who seem different don't have to hide.

(*Repeat & add*) and there all of God's children can sweetly abide,
and there all of God's children can sweetly abide.

I see a church that has made its mind up,
and it's building our hopes on things eternal.

We're holding to God's unchanging hand,
holding to God's unchanging hand!

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

Pastor Sarah

Benediction**Response***Alleluia!*

by Jerry Sinclair

Postlude*In Times Like These*
arr. Fred Bock

Yuyoung Jeong

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Moment of Reflection – a weekly, online opportunity to share thoughts on today’s worship service - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/momentofreflection>

AIDS Walk OC – this Saturday at 9 am in Bill Barber Park! Join or contribute to IUCC’s “Walk the Walkers” Team at <https://donate.radianthealthcenters.org/team/364402>

Sign up for Comma Groups this week! Join IUCC’s small-groups program – study, share, connect with others - <https://iucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/992491>

“The Evolution of Black Music” – a workshop by Angelica Rowell, former IUCC Choral Intern! Sept. 25 at 1 pm - <https://iucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/994166>

IUCC Office Hours – 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 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!](#)

Sunday School (for children)	at IUCC	Today at 10:00 AM
Ministries Fair	Patio	Today at 10:30/12:00
Diversity & Inclusion Ministry	on Zoom	Today at 12:30 PM
Men’s Breakfast Group	at Paul’s Pantry, MV	Mon. at 8:00 AM
Diversity Book Study	on Zoom	Tues. at 9:00 AM
Adult Bible Study <i>Exploring the book of Genesis</i>	at IUCC!	Tues. at 4:00 PM
Progressive Christianity	at IUCC & on Zoom	Wed. at 7:00 PM
Women’s Breakfast Group	on Zoom	Thurs. at 8:00 AM
Progressive Christianity	at IUCC & on Zoom	Thurs. at 9:30 AM
Diversity Book Study	on Zoom	Thurs. at 7:00 PM
AIDS Walk OC	Barber Park, Irvine	Sat. at 9:00 AM
Worship Next Sunday	at IUCC & online	at 9:30 & 11:00 AM

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