



Irvine United Congregational Church

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

September 19, 2021 – 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Prelude

He Is Our Peace
arr. Carl Seal

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

Be Not Afraid
by Bob Dufford

Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi

One: Our lives are in the care of God.

Many: And God invites us to care for one another.

One: Loving one another as we love ourselves, we give of ourselves
but also must give to ourselves.

**Many: Pulled in many directions, we are exhausted by the demands
of this world.**

One: Returning to the well, we fill our cups again.

**Many: Loving and loved, we rest in the abundance of hope,
refueled by a community of joy, and embraced in
the tenderness of the eternal heart.**

ALL: Come, beloved, come! Return to the well, once more.

Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

by C. Wesley/J. Zundel

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,
Fix in us a humble dwelling, all your faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, you are all compassion; pure, unbounded love impart.
Visit us with your salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Finish, then, your new creation; pure and spotless may we prove;
Let us see your great salvation perfectly restored in you;

Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Crowned as saints, we ever shall be lost in wonder, love, and praise.

A Fresh Word

Ministry with Young People

Anthem

The Greatest Commandment
by Pepper Choplin

Chancel Choir

Prayers of the Church

the Rev. Joe Dressler

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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Prayer of Dedication

Song

Bridge Over Troubled Waters
by Paul Simon

Lester Ricks

Scripture

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Mark 12:28-31

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Isaiah 43:1-2, 4-5a

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you.

Sermon *Love in a Time of Crisis* Pastor Sarah
with Vivian Johnson

Benediction

Response *Alleluia!* by Jerry Sinclair

Postlude *Behold What Manner of Love* Yuyoung Jeong
arr. Carl Seal

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*Today's flowers are provided by Vivian Johnson, in memory of George
whose birthday was Sept. 20, and in celebration of her birthday today.*

**Vivian Johnson will be signing copies of her book, *Love in a Time of Crisis*, on the
Patio after both services today.**

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

Sign up for Comma Groups! 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>

Blessing of the Animals with Pastor Sarah – next Sunday at 3 pm on the Patio!

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
Book Signing	Patio	Today at 10:30/12:00
Youth Activity	at IUCC	Today at 11:00 AM
Advocates for Peace & Justice	on Zoom	Today at 12:30 PM
Men's Breakfast Group	on Zoom	Mon. at 8:00 AM
Diversity Book Study	on Zoom	Tues. at 9:00 AM
Adult Bible Study	at IUCC!	Tues. at 4:00 PM
	<i>Exploring the book of Genesis</i>	
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
Evolution of Black Music	at IUCC	Sat. at 1:00 PM
Worship Next Sunday	at IUCC & online	at 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Our Staff

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