



Irvine United Congregational Church

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

September 26, 2021 – 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Prelude

The Love of God
arr. James Koerts

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

iucc.org/visitor

the Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Introit

Be the Change
Music by Marc Kaplan & Colin Britt; words attrib. to Mahatma Gandhi
Wendy Wiebach, soloist

Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

August Lobato, Jr.

One: Creator of the Universe, we assemble with all your creatures
in this circle of life.

**Many: Spirit of life, we recognize your presence within this circle
as you celebrate with us.**

One: As Francis of Assisi recognized your divine in all, we seek to see
your imprint upon all creatures throughout all creation!

**Many: We ask for your blessing, your shalom, on the creatures we love
and on all creatures celebrating in the wild.**

One: In the name of God who creates all life, in the name of Jesus
who invited us to see the kin-dom among us, in the name of the Spirit,
that renews all life: we cry with all in the circle of life:

Many: Shalom! Shalom! Shalom! May your blessing come!

Adapted from: <https://seasonofcreation.com/>

Hymn

God of the Sparrow
by J. J. Vajda & C. F. Schalk

God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe? How does the creature say Praise?

God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace? How does the creature say Thanks?

God of the neighbor, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love? How does the creature say Peace?

God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy? How do your children say Home?

A Fresh Word

Ministry with Young People

Anthem

Fiddle-I-Fee
by John Purifoy

Chancel Choir

Prayers of the Church

the Rev. Dr. Bil Aulenbach

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

Prayer of Dedication

Solo

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
by Thomas A. Dorsey

Angelica Rowell

Scripture

Job 12:7-10

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But ask the animals, and they will teach you;
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you;
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.
Who among all these does not know
that the hand of the Lord has done this?
In his hand is the life of every living thing
and the breath of every human being.

Sermon

Pastor Sarah

Benediction

Response

Alleluia!

by Jerry Sinclair

Postlude

When He Cometh
arr. M. W. Kim

Yuyoung Jeong

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in celebration of Susie's 80th birthday – **Happy Birthday, Susie!***

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>

Learn More Today:

House of Ruth – new Family Promise OC program especially for families facing homelessness – 12:30 pm – Meeting Rooms (Mission & Service)

Evolution of Black Music – conversation with artist/activist Angelica Rowell – 12:30 pm – Plumer Hall (Diversity & Inclusion)

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 Fri/Sat; 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
Online Coffee Hour	on Zoom	Today at 10:30 & 12
Diversity & Inclusion Ministry	at IUCC & on Zoom	Today at 12:30 PM
Ministry & Service Forum	Meeting Rooms	Today at 12:30 PM
Blessing of Animals	at IUCC!	Today at 3:00 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	at IUCC!	Tues. at 4:00 PM
	<i>Exploring the book of Genesis</i>	
Women's Breakfast Group	on Zoom	Thurs. at 8:00 AM
Diversity Book Study	on Zoom	Thurs. at 7:00 PM
Worship Next Sunday	at IUCC & online	at 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Our Staff

<i>Senior Pastor</i>	<i>the Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano (she/her)</i>	<i>PastorSarah@iucc.org</i>
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	<i>Jaime Reza, tenor (he/him)</i>	
	<i>Wendy Wiebach, soprano (she/her)</i>	
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