



Irvine United Congregational Church

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

October 17, 2021 – 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Prelude

God So Loved the World
arr. Gail Smith

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

In the Midst of New Dimensions
by Julian Rush

Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

Christine Roy

One: We come today, representing all the majesty of creation,

**Many: Diverse and beautiful, blessed and beloved, a rainbow people,
all made in the image of the Creator of all things.**

One: We come today, Transgender, Nonbinary, Bisexual, Two-Spirit, Lesbian,
Intersex, Gay, Queer, Ally.

**Many: We come today, called out, seen, and heard, ready to step out
and speak up, knowing we are children of the living, loving God!**

One: We come today, to deliver our joined prayers of hope.

**Many: We come today, a people mourning still our losses, recognizing that
some "sanctuaries" aren't safe.**

One: We come today, knowing God calls us to safe spaces,
to be brave people of bold love.

Many: We come today with a willingness to be sanctuary together.

One: We come today, knowing we are not alone.

**Many: We come today, knowing that even when others reject us,
your arms are open to offer comfort.**

One: We come today grateful for community, in celebration of our church –
your church – and this commitment to welcome and affirm all of your
children.

**Many: We come today, with pride and humility, in remembrance,
and a willingness to serve with love, hope and light,
as we celebrate you, God of Rainbows, alive among us,
calling us out and calling us onward!**

by Kimi Floyd Reisch, 2020 (adapt. Halverson-Cano)

Greetings from the Rev. Fred Plumer

Welcoming New Members (11:00 only)

Pastor Sarah

Congregation: We recognize the spirit of Jesus of Nazareth as a real and important force in the universe. Will you join us in this faith?

New Member: I now join with you to trust and celebrate God's love.

Congregation: We are committed to a daily endeavor to let God's spirit re-mold our lives from within. Will you join us in this endeavor?

New Member: I commit to grow with you.

Congregation: We believe ourselves to be one family, bound together by God's love. Therefore, we seek in every way we can to make that love believable for each other. Will you join us in this mutual ministry?

New Member: I will. I entrust to you both my needs and my gifts.

Congregation: Will you now unite with us in our covenant?

***ALL: We join together with God and with each other
to provide an environment open for all to worship God,
to develop Christian values, to share life's experiences,
to strive for truth, justice and peace, and to respond
with compassion to the needs of others. We do this
in the love of Jesus and in our desire to do the will of God.***

Please welcome Debra Koppel, Olivia Sirchio, and Chris & Melissa Walsh!

Hymn

Help Us Accept Each Other
words by Fred Kaan; tune by Samuel S. Wesley

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, God, among us, and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O God, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love.

To practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

A Fresh Word

Ministry with Young People

Anthem

Be Who You Are
by Ryan Main

Chancel Choir

Prayers of the Church

the Rev. Ken Wyant

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

Offertory Music

Prayer of Dedication

Stewardship Moment

Chuck Heath

Song

Celebrate the God of Love
by Paul Baloche & Ed Kerr

Dr. Chris Peterson

Trade your heavy heart for a heart of joy; celebrate what God has done.

Join the song of praise as we gather here; celebrate the God of Love.

Jesus leads the way; God is present here. We declare "God's kin-dom come."

Darkness has to flee in God's holy light; celebrate the God of Love.

All creation sings; hear the ocean roar.

Let the earth proclaim that Christ is Love.

(Repeat from beginning)

Greetings from the Rev. Dr. Paul Tellström

Scripture

Galatians 3:25-29

Christine Roy

But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for
in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as
were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no
longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male

and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Reflections on 30 Years

Brian Pearcy-Schofield & David Schofield

Andy Lang, ONA Coalition, UCC
Lorraine Fox Duane Vajgrt

Benediction

Pastor Sarah

Response

Alleluia!

by Jerry Sinclair

Postlude

The Church's One Foundation
arr. Gail Smith

Yuyoung Jeong

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*Today's flowers are provided by Jeannie Lee in celebration of
her father's (Dr. Sang Nam Lee) 83rd birthday on Wednesday!*

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

This Week at IUCC

Links to join Zoom events are in the Tuesday & Friday email updates

[Sign up on our website!](#)

Sunday School (children & adults)	at IUCC	Today at 10:00 AM
ONA Anniversary Reception	on the Patio	Today at 12 PM
Advocates for Peace & Justice	on Zoom	Today at 12:30 PM
Men's Breakfast Group	on Zoom	Mon. at 8:00 AM
Administration Board	on Zoom	Mon. at 7:00 PM
Seekers (for women)	at IUCC	Tues. at 10:00 AM
Adult Bible Study	at IUCC	Tues. at 4:00 PM
	<i>Exploring the book of Genesis</i>	
Women's Breakfast Group	at Paul's Pantry, MV	Thurs. at 8:00 AM
Worship Next Sunday	at IUCC & online	at 9:30 & 11:00 AM

IUCC Office Hours – Steve & Heidi are in the church office (949-733-0220) M-Th;
Steve answers messages and email on Fridays. Pastor Sarah will be on vacation
all next week; please call or email the church office for assistance.

Our Staff

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