



Irvine United Congregational Church

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

October 24, 2021 – 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Prelude

Sonata, Op. 79, II
by Ludwig van Beethoven

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. Steve Swope

Introit

The Fire of Commitment
by Jason Shelton

Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

Dr. Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi

One: We come out of the wilderness places of our lives,
ready to refresh our spirits in the midst of a community of hope.

Many: Refresh us, O God!

One: We come remembering what was, awakening to the new
and the familiar, a bit unsteady as we discover "together" again.

Many: Reboot us, O God!

One: We come with excitement, hearing a call we want to answer,
recommitting ourselves to do a bold new thing with you!

Many: Renew us, O God!

**ALL: In hope, in gratitude, and in love we come together
to Refresh, Reboot, and Renew
our faith, our commitment, and our community!**

Hymn

Take My Gifts
words by S. E. Murray; tune by C. Gibson

Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shelter, gave me life and set me free,
now because your love has touched me, I have love to give away,
now the bread of love is rising, loaves of love to multiply!

Take the fruit that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
spiced with humor, laced with laughter – flavor of the Jesus life,
tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.

Take whatever I can offer – gifts that I have yet to find,
skills that I am slow to sharpen, talents of the hand and mind,
things made beautiful for others in the place where I must be:
take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

A Fresh Word Ministry with Young People & the Rev. Dr. Bil Aulenbach

Anthem *Reflections from Micah* Chancel Choir
by Joseph M. Martin

Prayers of the Church the Rev. Dr. Jerry von Talge

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 iucc.org/giving Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi

Offertory Music

Prayer of Dedication

Stewardship Moment the Rev. Ken Wyant

Song *Wellspring* Dr. Chris Peterson
by Nancy Lowry

River of Joy flowing deep in my soul,
Wellspring of Life, won't you come make me whole?
Water the desert of my thirsting days,
Fountain of Love, hear my sweet song of praise.
I sing with joy as I rest in you.
I sing with faith as I trust in you.
I sing with love as I follow you.
Wellspring of Life, come and make me new.

Scripture

Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi

Micah 6:6a, 8

“With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high...”
God has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Homilies

the Rev. Dr. Terry LePage
the Rev. Joe Dressler
the Rev. Mary Scifres

Benediction

Terry LePage

Response*Alleluia!*

by Jerry Sinclair

Postlude

Waltz in A minor
by Frederic Chopin

Yuyoung Jeong

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*Today's flowers are provided by Irene & Rob Thornton
in celebration of the 48th anniversary. Congratulations!*

*We are grateful to our clergy-members for leading worship this morning:
Bil Aulenbach, David Deshler, Joe Dressler, Terry LePage, Mary Scifres,
Steve Swope, Jerry von Talge, Ken Wyant; and seminarian Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi*

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

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 on vacation through Tuesday; please call the church office for assistance.

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
Coffee Hour	on the Patio!	Today at 10:30 & 12
Diversity & Inclusion Ministry	on Zoom	Today at 12:30 PM
	<i>Dr. Ayo Jessica Alabi on ethnic studies & critical race theory</i>	
Men's Breakfast Group	at Paul's Pantry, MV	Mon. at 8:00 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
Worship Next Sunday	at IUCC & online	at 9:30 & 11:00 AM
Trunk Or Treat Next Sunday	IUCC Parking Lot	after both services

Our Staff

<i>Senior Pastor</i>	<i>the Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano (she/her)</i>	<i>PastorSarah@iucc.org</i>
<i>Administrative Pastor</i>	<i>the Rev. Steve Swope (he/him)</i>	<i>steve@...</i>
<i>Director of Music</i>	<i>Dr. Chris Peterson (he/him)</i>	<i>chris@...</i>
<i>Accompanist</i>	<i>Yuyoung Jeong (she/her)</i>	
<i>Choral Interns</i>	<i>Jocelyne Ramirez, alto (she/her)</i>	
	<i>Jaime Reza, tenor (he/him)</i>	
	<i>Wendy Wiebach, soprano (she/her)</i>	
<i>Worship Technology</i>	<i>Gemini Grace (they/them)</i>	<i>gemini@...</i>
<i>Sunday School Coordinator</i>	<i>Sally Schacht (she/her)</i>	<i>sally@...</i>
<i>Early Childhood Director</i>	<i>Irma Rosales (she/her)</i>	<i>irma@...</i>
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