



# Irvine United Congregational Church

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

**October 31, 2021 – 9:30 & 11:00 AM**

## **Spooky Sunday!**

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**Prelude** *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night* Yuyoung Jeong  
*music by Joseph Perry*

**Gathering Song** by Coomes & 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](http://iucc.org/visitor) the Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

**Introit** *The Addams Family Theme* Chancel Choir  
*by Vic Mizzy*

**Call to Worship** Shanthi Nataraj

One: The world is a scary place: goblins, ghosts, ghouls and Godzilla!

**Many: The world is a scary place: war, violence, stock market crashes.**

One: There is much to fear: witches, monsters, horned devils.

**Many: Mortgages, college debt, bankruptcy, Covid and cancer.**

One: We fear the monsters under the bed, the boogieman, and the darkness.

**Many: We fear the unanswered questions, powerlessness, and disease.**

One: Where are you when we need you, God? In the darkness?

In the disease? In bankruptcy? Under the bed and in the closet?

**Many: God is bigger than the darkness, God is bigger than disease,  
God is bigger than bankruptcy...God is everywhere: in the closet,  
under the bed, in the war zone, in our very selves.**

One: God is with us when we are afraid.

**Many: God is always with us when we are afraid.**

**ALL: Ever present God, grant us the courage to face the fear,  
awareness to feel your presence, and the faith to persevere  
even when we feel helpless. Amen.**

**Hymn***Giver of Life, Where'er They Be*

Hymnal #603

Giver of life, where'er they be, safe in your own eternity,  
now live your children gloriously. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All souls you call, both here and there, do rest within your sheltering care;  
one providence alike they share: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Happy are they in God who rest, no more by fear or doubt oppressed;  
living or dying they are blessed: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**A Fresh Word**

Ministry with Young People

**Anthem***Dry Bones*  
*Traditional*

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**[iucc.org/giving](http://iucc.org/giving)

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**Offertory Music****Prayer of Dedication****Stewardship Moment**

Connie Jones

**Song***You Are My Hiding Place*  
*by Michael Ledner*

Dr. Chris Peterson

You are my hiding place,  
you always fill my heart with songs of deliverance,  
whenever I am afraid I will trust in you, I will trust in you,  
let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord."  
I will trust in you, let the weak say,  
"I am strong in the strength of the Lord."

**Scripture***Daniel 7:1-11*

Shanthi Nataraj

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the

great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. The first was like a lion and had eagles' wings. Then, as I watched, its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a human being; and a human mind was given to it. Another beast appeared, a second one, that looked like a bear. It was raised up on one side, had three tusks in its mouth among its teeth and was told, "Arise, devour many bodies!" After this, as I watched, another appeared, like a leopard. The beast had four wings of a bird on its back and four heads; and dominion was given to it. After this I saw in the visions by night a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth and was devouring, breaking in pieces, and stamping what was left with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that preceded it, and it had ten horns. I was considering the horns, when another horn appeared, a little one coming up among them; to make room for it, three of the earlier horns were plucked up by the roots. There were eyes like human eyes in this horn, and a mouth speaking arrogantly.

<b>Sermon</b>		Pastor Sarah
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Response</b>	<i>Alleluia!</i>	by Jerry Sinclair
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>All Glory Be to God on High</i> <i>tune by Nikolas Decius</i>	Yuyoung Jeong

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*Today's flowers are provided by Heidi & Mark Willcox,  
in celebration of daughter Torrey's 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday!*

**Trunk Or Treat – today** after both services. Join the Ministry with Young People in the parking lot – view decorated vehicles – sample treats!

**Helping our Unhoused Neighbors Service Event with MYP and Mission & Service – November 6th, 10am-12pm** – Activities will include assembling hygiene/first aid-kits, story time, card making, and learning about the issues surrounding being unhoused. Open to all ages and the wider community - with particular focus on kids and youth!

**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!](#)

<b>Sunday School</b> (children & adults)	<b>at IUCC</b>	Today at 10:00 AM
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>on the Patio!</b>	Today at 10:30 & 12
<b>Trunk Or Treat</b>	IUCC Parking Lot	Today at 10:30 & 12
<b>Men's Breakfast Group</b>	on Zoom	Mon. at 8:00 AM
<b>Adult Bible Study</b> <i>Exploring the book of Genesis</i>	<b>at IUCC</b>	Tues. at 4:00 PM
<b>Women's Breakfast Group</b>	at Paul's Pantry, MV	Thurs. at 8:00 AM
<b>Service Project for the Unhoused</b> <i>Learn about homelessness – pack hygiene/first-aid kits!</i>	<b>at IUCC</b>	Sat. at 10:00 AM
<b>Worship Next Sunday</b>	<b>at IUCC &amp; online</b>	at 9:30 & 11:00 AM

### Our Staff

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<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>
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<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>
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