



Irvine United Congregational Church

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

November 14, 2021 – 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Prelude *Count Your Blessings Medley* Yuyoung Jeong
arr. by Gail Smith

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 the Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Introit *Surely the Presence of the Lord* Chancel Choir
by Lanny Wolfe

Call to Worship

One: We come in awe of the grand and the great, searching
for the next best thing: the bigger the better!

**Many: Refresh us, O God! Open our eyes to discern deeper,
to see clearer and envision more than meets the eye.**

One: We remember what was and lament what isn't. Fearful of what may
or may not come.

**Many: Reboot us, O God! Something new is being born in us.
Embolden us to respond with action.**

One: We come weary of a world with so much friction, carrying burdens
with heavy hearts.

**Many: Renew us, O God! Remind us again of the gift you give
in each new day! Strengthen us with your love,
and send us out inspired and empowered.**

**ALL: In hope, in gratitude and in love, we come together
to refresh, reboot, and renew our faith, our commitment
and our community!**

Hymn*Come, O Spirit, with Your Sound*

Hymnal #265

Come, O Spirit, with your sound like a wind, quick rushing;
come from heaven, stir our hearts, each disciple touching!
Mold our actions to your will, you our service giving;
move in our community, transform now our living!

Come, O Spirit, with your flame, leaping tongues of fire;
come, and with your glorious light all our thoughts inspire!
Rest upon each servant's head till each one is speaking
of our Christ, the Holy One all the earth is seeking!

Come, O Spirit, fill your church, making strong our mission;
fill your daughters and your sons with a mighty vision,
Till the great and glorious day when the whole creation
sings your praise as Sovereign One, giver of salvation!

A Fresh Word

Ministry with Young People

Anthem*Sisi ni moja (WE ARE ONE)*
by Jacob Narverud

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.**

Offertoryiucc.org/giving**Offertory Music****Prayer of Dedication****Song***The Fire of Commitment*
by Jason Shelton

Dr. Chris Peterson

(*Chris*) From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear
Guiding hands and hearts and spirits into faith set free from fear.

(*Chorus – All*) When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul ablaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

(All) From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free
Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty.
(Chorus)

From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice
Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice.
(Chorus)

Scripture

Mark 13:1-8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

Sermon

Pastor Sarah

Blessing Our Pledges for 2022

Benediction

Response

Alleluia!

by Jerry Sinclair

Postlude

The Lord Bless You & Keep You
arr. by Gail Smith

Yuyoung Jeong

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*Today's flowers are provided by Lynn Carpenter
in memory of her sister Nancy, born Nov. 9, 1939.*

33rd Annual Thanksgiving Service will be held at University Synagogue this Friday at 7:00 pm. Proof of vaccination and advance registration are required.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pre-thanksgiving-shabbat-interfaith-services-friday-november-19-registration-196072095917>

Advent Workshop will be held at 3:00 pm on Sunday, Dec. 5! Crafts for all ages – and there’s a forecast of SNOW...!

“**Home for the Holidays**” – the Chancel Choir’s Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 7:00 pm.

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
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 <i>Exploring the book of Genesis</i>	at IUCC	Tues. at 4:00 PM
Women’s Breakfast Group	at Paul’s Pantry, MV	Thurs. at 8:00 AM
Thanksgiving Service <i>Advance Reservations & Vaccination Required</i>	University Synagogue	Fri. 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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