



# Irvine United Congregational Church

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

**November 21, 2021 – 9:30 & 11:00 AM**

## **Thanksgiving Sunday**

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**Prelude** *As the Deer* Yuyoung Jeong  
*arr. by Carl Seal*

**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** *We Walk in Love* Chancel Choir  
*by Deanna Witkowski*

**Call to Worship** Olivia Sirchio

One: Give thanks to God, God is good.  
**Many: God's steadfast love endures forever.**  
One: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name.  
**Many: Make known God's deeds among the peoples!**  
One: God blesses us with gifts of love:  
**Many: With food and clothing, home and family.**  
One: God blesses us with daily work:  
**Many: And all we need from day to day.**  
One: God calls us into relationship:  
**Many: And forms us into one holy people.**  
One: Let us give thanks and praise to our God.  
**Many: O Holy God, we give you thanks.**

**Hymn** *For the Beauty of the Earth* Hymnal #28

For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the good that love inspires, for a world where none exclude,  
for a faith that never tires, and for every heart renewed,  
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

## **Welcoming New Members**

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 Joe Dressler, Harley & Rugee Gimarino, and Martha Ratinoff!*

## **A Fresh Word**

Ministry with Young People

## **Anthem**

*Simple Thanks*  
by Don Besig  
Kristen Norton, flute

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

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

Olivia Sirchio

### Offertory Music

### Prayer of Dedication

## Song

*Carry the Light*  
by Debbie Moylan

Dr. Chris Peterson

We have all witnessed Your presence. We have received Your grace.  
We give You honor and glory. For moving in this place.  
Now we go out to share the Good News. Now we go out to share Your love.  
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*(Refrain)* Carry the light! Carry the light! Carry the light to all the earth!

Carry the light! Carry the light! Carry the light of Jesus Christ!

*(Repeat Refrain)*

## Scripture

*Psalm 100*

Olivia Sirchio

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into this presence with singing.  
Know that the Lord is God.  
It is God that made us, and we are the Lord's;  
we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.  
Enter these gates with thanksgiving,  
and God's courts with praise.  
Give thanks to the Lord, bless God's holy name.  
For the Lord is good;  
God's steadfast love endures forever,  
and faithfulness to all generations.

## Sermon

Pastor Sarah

## Benediction

## Response

*Alleluia!*

by Jerry Sinclair

**Postlude**

*This Is My Father's World*  
arr. by Bill Wolaver

Yuyoung Jeong

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*Today's flowers are provided by Donna Picard  
in memory of her mother, Betty Jeffries.*

**Advent Workshop** will be held at 3:00 pm on Sunday, Dec. 5! Crafts for all ages – and there's a forecast of SNOW...! Afterwards there will be a PJs & Movie Night in Plumer Hall for children while adults are attending the Choir Concert.

**"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!](#)

<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>Advocates for Peace &amp; Justice</b>	on Zoom	Today at 12:30 PM
<b>Men's Breakfast Group</b>	at Paul's Pantry, MV	Mon. at 8:00 AM
<b>Adult Bible Study</b>	<b>at IUCC</b>	Tues. at 4:00 PM
<i>Exploring the book of Genesis</i>		

**\* Church Office Closed Thursday & Friday for Thanksgiving \***

<b>Worship Next Sunday</b>	<b>at IUCC &amp; online</b>	at 9:30 & 11:00 AM
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## Our Staff

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Senior Pastor	<i>the Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano (she/her)</i>	<i>PastorSarah@iucc.org</i>
Administrative Pastor	<i>the Rev. Steve Swope (he/him)</i>	<i>steve@...</i>
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Accompanist	<i>Yuyoung Jeong (she/her)</i>	
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