



Irvine United Congregational Church

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

November 28, 2021 – 9:30 & 11:00 AM

First Sunday of Advent

Prelude *Of the Father's Love Begotten* Yuyoung Jeong
arr. C. Douglas

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 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Chancel Choir
based on traditional Advent vespers

Call to Worship Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi

One: O come, O come, Emmanuel. We are here this morning in
anticipation of a miracle!

**Many: We come with hearts filled with wonder and excitement looking
for the signs that Christmas will come, the baby will be born, the
light will shine in our world!**

One: Our lives mirror the Advent season: we are continually waiting to
become, to discover, to complete, to fulfill. The world tells us to hurry
up, and Advent tells us to be patient, to open our eyes, to wait and
see!

**Many: Hope, struggle, fear, expectation and fulfillment, lists and
demands all pull upon our lives and emotions. We want
Christmas and all its miracle now!**

One: Advent is about preparation. Advent is not about instant gratification.
Advent is about hope that the light we await will come.

**Many: The signs are all around us. The tiniest spark is about to ignite.
Hope will burn through the night and sustain us on our journey.**

ALL: O come, O come, Emmanuel!

Hymn*Come, O Long-Expected Jesus*

Hymnal #122

Come, O long-expected Jesus, born to set all people free;
From our fears and sins release us; grant us your true liberty.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope to all the earth impart;
Dear desire of every nation, enter every longing heart.

Born all people to deliver, born a child, you came to reign!
Born to rule on earth forever, come, be known to us again.

By your own eternal Spirit, come to claim us as your own;
By your all-sufficient merit, let us share your cross and crown.

Lighting the Advent Candle

Bill, Sarah & Eliza Wall

Response (sung to "Away in a Manger")

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright;
A candle of Hope in November's dark night.
While angels sing blessing from heav'n's starry sky,
Our hearts we prepare now, for Jesus is nigh.

A Fresh Word

Ministry with Young People

Anthem*Shepherds Pipe Carol*
by John Rutter

Chancel Choir

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.**

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Offertory Music**Prayer of Dedication****Song***Star-Child*
by S. E. Murray & C. Young

Dr. Chris Peterson

Star-Child, earth-Child, go-between of God,
love Child, Christ Child, heaven's lightning rod,
this year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

Street child, beat child, no place left to go,
hurt child, used child, no one wants to know,
this year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

Hope-for-peace Child, God's stupendous sign,
down-to-earth Child, Star of stars that shine,
this year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

Scripture

Luke 21:25-28

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“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Sermon

Pastor Sarah

Benediction

Response

Alleluia!

by Jerry Sinclair

Postlude

Prepare the Way, O Zion
from THEN SWENSKA PSAMBOKEN

Yuyoung Jeong

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Advent Workshop will be held at 3:00 pm on Sunday, Dec. 5! Crafts for all ages – and a SNOW RUN! (Please bring dry clothes for the kids.) Afterwards there will be a PJs & Movie Night in Plumer Hall for children while adults are attending the Choir Concert.

Sign up for the Chili Cookoff – after the Advent workshop next Sunday! Look for the sign-up sheet on the Patio, or contact the church office.

“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 off Fri/Sat; the
rest of the week she can be reached by email or text to 714-293-0241.

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
<i>Adults – “Light of the World” with Amy-Jill Levine</i>		
Coffee Hour	on the Patio!	Today at 10:30 & 12
Men’s Breakfast Group	on Zoom	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	at Paul’s Pantry, MV	Thurs. at 8:00 AM
ECC Christmas Program	at IUCC	Fri. at 5:00 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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