



Irvine United Congregational Church

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

December 26, 2021 – 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Christmas Sunday

Prelude *Silent Night* Yuyoung Jeong
arr. Mark Hayes

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 *Joy to the World* Hymnal #132

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth its praises bring;
Let every heart prepare Christ room, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Call to Worship the Rev. Joe Dressler

One: God of our Christmas joy,
Many: Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light
One: And illumine our way to the paths you would have us tread,
Many: In the name of the Christ-child, Emmanuel,
One: Whose birth we celebrate,
Many: Whose life we seek to emulate,
ALL: We pray with joy to the world! Amen.

Hymn *The Twelve Days of Christmas* Dr. Chris Peterson

On the first day of Christmas my true love sent to me
A partridge in a pear tree.

On the second day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the third day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the fourth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge
in a pear tree.

On the fifth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Five golden rings, four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves,
and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the sixth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Six geese a-laying, five golden rings, four calling birds, etc.

On the seventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five golden rings, etc.

On the eighth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Eight maids a-milking, seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, etc.

On the ninth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-milking, seven swans a-swimming, etc.

On the tenth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Ten lords a-leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-milking, etc.

On the eleventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Eleven pipers piping, ten lords a-leaping, nine ladies dancing, etc.

On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Twelve drummers drumming, eleven pipers piping, ten lords a-leaping,
Nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-milking, seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying, five golden rings, four calling birds, three French hens,
Two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.

The Christmas Challenge

Pastor Sarah

Prayers of the Church

Pastor Joe

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

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Pastor Joe

Offertory Music

Prayer of Dedication

Scripture*Matthew 2:13-23*

Pastor Joe

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

"A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Know Your Nativity

Pastor Sarah

Hymn*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Hymnal #154

(Refrain) Go tell it on the mountain, over the hill and everywhere.

Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

(Refrain)

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

(Refrain)

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

(Refrain)

Benediction

Pastor Sarah

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| Response | <i>Alleluia!</i> | by Jerry Sinclair |
| Postlude | <i>God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen</i> <i>Traditional</i> | Yuyoung Jeong |

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This Week at IUCC

Links to join Zoom events are in the Tuesday & Friday email updates

[Sign up on our website!](#)

NO Sunday School Today (children or adults) - **Child Care at Both Services**

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| 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 |
| Church Office Closed | | Friday, New Year's Eve |
| Worship Next Sunday | at IUCC & online | at 9:30 & 11:00 AM |

Our Staff

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