Irvine United Congregational Church

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

February 27, 2022 – 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Fat Sunday

Prelude

Do You Know What It Means to Miss New Orleans
by E. DeLange & L. Alter; arr. A. Hettinga
Justin Padilla, saxophone

Gathering Song

As We Gather
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
Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Introit

When the Saints Go Marching In
Traditional; arr. C. Nole
Justin Padilla, saxophone

Call to Worship

One: We have heard the prophet’s cry: On this mountain the Lord of hosts
will make for all peoples a feast of rich food! A feast of well-aged wines.

Many: God will take away the disgrace of the peoples from all the earth,
and wipe away the tears from all faces.

One: On this mountain God will destroy the burial shroud that covers the
nations and swallow up death forever.

Many: This is our God, whom we have waited for; God will come and will
save us!

One: Blessed are you, Lord God of All Creation, for it is from your goodness
that we have this day to celebrate!

Many: Tomorrow we will fast, but today we feast.

One: Come let us celebrate with our God!

Many: Laughing, dancing, singing and feasting!

ALL: Come taste and see the goodness of our God!

(from Isaiah 25:6-9)
Hymn

_I Want to Be Ready_  
Hymnal #616

(Refrain) I want to be ready, I want to be ready,  
I want to be ready to walk in Jerusalem just like John.

Oh, John, oh, John what do you say? walk in Jerusalem just like John.  
That I'll be there at the coming day, walk in Jerusalem just like John.  
(Refrain)

When Martha spoke the Savior’s name, walk in Jerusalem just like John.  
She knew she’d never be the same, walk in Jerusalem just like John.  
(Refrain)

When Peter was preaching at Pentecost, walk in Jerusalem just like John.  
He was endowed with the Holy Ghost, walk in Jerusalem just like John.  
(Refrain)

When Mary asked Jesus to “come and see,” walk in Jerusalem just like John.  
Her faith gave Lazarus victory, walk in Jerusalem just like John.  
(Refrain)

John said the city was just four-square, walk in Jerusalem just like John.  
And he declared he’d meet me there, walk in Jerusalem just like John.  
(Refrain)

A Fresh Word  
Ministry with Young People

Anthem

_I Sing Because I’m Happy_  
by Rollo Dilworth  
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  
August Lobato, Jr.

Offertory Music

_Mardi Gras_  
by Timothy Brown  
Yuyoung Jeong

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.  
Now we go out to share the Good News. Now we go out to share Your love.

*(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 95:1-2*  
August Lobato, Jr.

O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

*John 15:10-11*  
If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

Sermon  
Pastor Sarah

Benediction

Response  
*Alleluia*  
by Jerry Sinclair

Postlude  
*Mardi Gras Mambo*  
by F. Adams, K. Elliot, & L. Welsh  
Justin Padilla, saxophone  
Yuyoung Jeong

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Today’s flowers are given by Howard & Janet Emery,  
“in memory of our beloved Eric-Stig.”

We thank Justin Padilla, saxophonist, for sharing the gift of music with us this morning!
Sign up for guest speaker Philip Jenkins - “one of America’s best scholars of religion” (The Economist) – who will talk on Zoom on March 19 & 26 at 10 am! Go to iucc.org/register today!

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 (adults & children) at IUCC & online
Adults – the Apocrypha – at IUCC & on Zoom

Today at 10:00 AM

Diversity & Inclusion Discussion on Zoom

Today at 1:00 PM

Men’s Breakfast Group at Paul’s Pantry, MV

Mon. at 8:00 AM

Adult Bible Study on Zoom

Tues. at 4:00 PM

Exploring the book of Genesis

Ash Wednesday Worship at IUCC & online

“Drive-thru Ashes” available 12-1 & 5-6 pm

Wed. at 7:00 PM

Women’s Breakfast Group on Zoom

Thurs. at 8:00 AM

Worship Next Sunday at IUCC & online

9:30 & 11:00 AM

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