Irvine United Congregational Church

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

March 2, 2022 – 7:00 PM
Ash Wednesday

Prelude

Welcome

the Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Lighting of the Community Candle

Song

Wait for the Lord
by Jacques Berthier

led by Dr. Chris Peterson, Dir. of Music

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

Welcome to the Celebration

Pastor Joe & Lesley Wheland

Lighting of Individual Candles

Pastor Joe

Response

Lesley Wheland

One: Out of nothingness we came through birth into life:
Many: With the Spirit of God within us.
One: From the life of God the universe unfolded into being
Many: With the Spirit of God within it.
One: From the heart of God creation goes on till the end of time
Many: With the Spirit of God within it and with our spirit within it.
One: Let us embrace the God who enfolds us
Many: We delight in God.

from Pitt St. Uniting Church

Anthem

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God
by Healey Willan

Chancel Choir

Scripture

Psalm 51:1-4, 6-7a, 8-12
Lester Ricks

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin
is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Homily
Pastor Sarah

Imposition of Ashes
Pastors Sarah & Joe

Song
The Day Must Come
by A. Pratt

Benediction
Pastor Sarah

Postlude
Yuyoung Jeong

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