Prelude
Away in a Manger
Yuyoung Jeong
arr. Fred Bock

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
Ah, Holy Jesus
Chancel Choir
arr. Matheny

Call to Worship
Shanthi Nataraj
One: We gather together, Sojourners of Faith, to pause along our journey:
to listen to the words of the one who first called.
Many: Fisher of humanity, friend, teacher, the prophet, the Christ:
his words ever echoing in our ears.
One: “Come and follow me,” he beckons.
Many: “Come and follow me,” he challenges.
One: The son, the brother, the Christ.
Many: The seeker of justice, the radical lover, the humble peace maker.
One: So much a part of who we are, and still a mystery.
Many: Who was he? Who is he?
One: Sojourners of Faith, walk on.
Many: Jesus at our side, we walk together towards the cross embracing
a living faith.

Hymn
Jesus Loves Me
Hymnal #327

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
(Refrain) Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
Taking children on his knee, saying, “Let them come to me.” (Refrain)

Jesus loves me! Still today, walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. (Refrain)

A Fresh Word
Ministry with Young People

Anthem
Give Me Jesus
Chancel Choir
arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

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.

Song
A Wilderness, Wandering People
by Jim Strathdee

We are a wilderness wand’ring people on a journey of the soul.
May we find our destination in our longing to be whole.
Our Holy God is calling to us. With Jesus by our side,
May compassion be our compass; may the Spirit be our guide.
May we cherish all our children; let us heal our family’s pain.
Help us cure our city’s madness; let love and justice reign.
Reconciled with one another in prayer and praise and song,
We’re the body of Christ together, and we know that we belong,
We belong, we belong, we belong.

Offertory
iucc.org/giving
Shanthi Nataraj

Offertory Music

Prayer of Dedication

Song
A Living Faith
by Phillips & Halverson-Cano
Dr. Chris Peterson

God, give me a living faith, a loving faith, a giving faith!
God, give me a living faith so I can live in love.
God, give me a mindful faith, a thoughtful faith, a reasoned faith.
God, give me a mindful faith so wisdom lives in me.

(Refrain) Faith for the journey, faith for the strength it gives me!
Faith for the turning evermore towards you!

God, give me a peaceful faith, a just-filled faith, a calming faith.
God, give me a peaceful faith so I can change the world.

God, give me a living faith, a giving faith, a heart-filled faith.
God, give me a living faith so God can live in me. (Refrain)

Scripture

Matthew 1:18-20

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

Sermon

Pastor Sarah

Benediction

Response

Living Faith by D. C. Damon (adapt.)

Living Faith, bring us joy, joy of earth and heaven;
Living Faith, bring us joy, joy of all forgiven.
Living Faith, lead us out, out to tell the story;
Living Faith, lead us out, out to show your glory.

Postlude

Jesus Loves Me

based on CLAIR DE LUNE

arr. Fred Bock

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Today's flowers were given by Marilyn Smith, in celebration of this faith community. Thank you!

One More Chance to Hear Philip Jenkins! - His 2nd lecture is “The Lost Gospels: Myths & Realities” – on Zoom this Sat., March 26 at 10 am! Go to jucc.org/register!
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!

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