Irvine United Congregational Church
An Open & Affirming, Just Peace, Global Mission, Creation Justice
Congregation of the United Church of Christ
March 6, 2022 – 9:30 & 11:00 AM
First Sunday in Lent

Prelude
Agnus Dei
Yuyoung Jeong
from MASS IN G by F. Schubert

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

Call to Worship
One:  We enter this season of Lent, uncertain of what lies ahead.
Many: Travelers on a journey, we begin on a road to the cross.
One:  Exploring paths untrod, returning to recognizable routes leading us home.
Many: Finding the familiar along new paths, and new in the well-worn ways.
One:  Sojourners of faith, walk on.
Many: Individually and in community we explore together.
One:  Out of the ashes, shedding the dead, we leave behind the stuff of old.
Many: Letting go, and articulating anew, called on by the Eternal,
ALL:  We embrace a living faith. Sojourners of faith, walk on.

Song
A Living Faith
by Phillips & Halverson-Cano
God, give me a living faith, a loving faith, a giving faith!
God, give me a living faith so I can live in love.
(Refrain)  Faith for the journey, faith for the strength it gives me!
       Faith for the turning evermore towards you!
God, give me a mindful faith, a thoughtful faith, a reasoned faith.
God, give me a mindful faith so wisdom lives in me. (Refrain)
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. (Refrain)
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)

A Fresh Word Ministry with Young People

Anthem Ave Verum Corpus Chancel Choir
KV 618 by W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Prayers of the Church the Rev. Terry LePage
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

Offertory Music

Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Hebrews 11:1-3
Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not
seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we
understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that
what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

Sermon Pastor Sarah
Communion Invitation  
Pastor Sarah

Communion Music  
One Bread, One Body  
by John B. Foley  
Pastor Sarah

(Refrain) One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more.  (Refrain)  
Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.  (Refrain)  
Grain for the field, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all (Refrain)

Prayer of Thanksgiving  
For love shared and hope renewed, for promises remembered and  
chirsts among us, for the feasts of this life and those to come, we  
give you thanks, O God. Send us forth to reconcile and make new,  
praising life in the midst of death, bearing hope on angels’ wings,  
and giving thanks always and everywhere that life is precious  
beyond all telling. Alleluia and Amen.  

by Rev. June Goudy

Benediction  
Pastor Sarah

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

Living Faith, bring us love, love shared at your table;  
Living Faith, bring us love, love from cross and stable.  
Living Faith, lead us out, out to tell the story;  
Living Faith, lead us out, out to show your glory.

Postlude  
The Old Rugged Cross  
by Rev. George Bennard  
Yuyoung Jeong

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This morning’s flowers were given by the Rosse Family.  
“We pray for freedom and peace in Eastern Europe, that hearts are turned from fear,  
hatred and violence to love, compassion and reconciliation.”

IUCC author Scott Bollens will talk about his latest books – one academic, one fiction –  
in Plumer Hall this Saturday at 7 pm. Come and hear Scott – get your own signed copy!

Sign up for guest speaker Philip Jenkins - “one of America’s best scholars of  
religion” – who will talk on Zoom on March 19 & 26 at 10 am! Go to iucc.org/register!
**IUCC Office Hours** – Heidi is in the church office M-Th (949-733-0220); Steve will be on vacation all week. Pastor Sarah is off Fri/Sat; the rest of the week she can be reached by email or text to 714-293-0241.

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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!](#)

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* Set Your Clocks AHEAD One Hour *

**Worship Next Sunday**                         | at IUCC & online | at 9:30 & 11:00 AM |

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**Our Staff**

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