

Irvine United Congregational Church

An Open & Affirming, Just Peace, Global Mission, Creation Justice
Congregation of the United Church of Christ
April 24, 2022 • 9:30 & 11 AM

Earth Sunday

Prelude *Songs without Words* Yuyoung Jeong
 Op. 30, No. 3 by F. Mendelssohn

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 *There's a Spirit of Love in This Place* Chancel Choir
 by Mark A. Miller

Call to Worship Shanthi Nataraj

One: Children of the earth and sky, we are nurtured, sustained,
given warmth and life from above and below.

**Many: Supported by earth's strong, firm crust, we build our
homes, till the fields, plant our gardens and orchards.**

One: When we turn from self and seek to be aware, we will find
holy light in human faces, in blossom, birdsong, and sky.

**Many: Then earth is truly our home, and we are one with
all earth's creatures,**

ALL: Parents of earth's children yet to be.
by Alice Berry, "Children of the Earth and Sky"

Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* Hymnal #28

For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
(Refrain) God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
(Refrain)

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thought and mild,
(Refrain)

For the good that love inspires, for a world where none exclude,
For a faith that never tires, and for every heart renewed.
(Refrain)

A Fresh Word

Anthem *Be the Change* Chancel Choir
 by Laura Farnell

Prayers of the Church Rev. Dr. Bil Aulenbach

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 Shanthi Nataraj

Offertory Music

Prayer of Dedication

Song *Rising Green* by Carolyn McDade

My blood doth rise in the roots of an oak, her sap doth run in my veins.
 Boundless my soul like the open sky where the stars forever have lain.
 Where the stars, where the stars, where the stars forever have lain.

I feel the tides as they answer the moon, rushing on a far distant sand.
 Winging my song is the wind of my breast and my love blows over the land.
 And my love, and my love, and my love blows over the land.

My foot carries days of the old into new, our dreaming shows us the way.
 Wondrous our faith settles deep in the earth, rising green to bring a new day.
 Rising green, rising green, rising green to bring a new day.

Scripture *1 Samuel 17* Shanthi Nataraj

Sermon Ayn Craciun, OC Policy Mgr., Climate Action Campaign
Fixing the Climate Crisis & Environmental Injustice in OC

Benediction

Postlude *Mazurka* Yuyoung Jeong
Op. 7, No. 2 by F. Chopin

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Rising Green

Earth Day Hymn at IUCC

Carolyn McDade
 Arr. Jim Scott

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Voice

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2. feel the tides as they answer the moon, rushing on a far distant sand. Winging my song is the wind of my breast and my love blows over the land. And my love, and my love, and my love blows over the land.

3. foot carries days of the old into new, our dreaming shows us the way. Wondrous our faith settles deep in the earth, rising green to bring a new day. Rising green, rising green, rising green to bring a new day.

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