Irvine United Congregational Church

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

May 1, 2022 • 9:30 & 11 AM

Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Bagatelle

Op. 126, No. 1 by L. van Beethoven

Yyoung Jeong

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

Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Introit

As We Gather at Your Table

by Carl P. Daw, Jr.

Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

Lester Ricks

One: God said, “Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord.”

Many: Jesus said, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.”

One: We come in the name of the Spirit, resting from our labors,

Many: Yet ever so aware of those who labor without rest.

One: In Jesus’ name we welcome one another into this sanctuary to rest from our labors. And in Jesus’ name we shall work so that all who labor may find their rest.

Many: Come, all who labor, come!

Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

Hymnal #330

Let us break bread together on our knees
Let us break bread together on our knees

(Refrain) When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun
My God, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees
Let us drink wine together on our knees

(Refrain)

Let us praise God together on our knees
Let us praise God together on our knees

(Refrain)

A Fresh Word

Anthem

With This Bread, With This Wine

Chancel Choir

by Ken Medema

Prayers of the Church

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

Lester Ricks

Offertory Music

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.  
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*(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  
*Lester Ricks*  

**Matthew 11:28-30**  

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”  

**James 5:1-5**  

Come now, you rich people, weep and wail for the miseries that are coming to you. Your riches have rotted, and your clothes are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have rusted, and their rust will be evidence against you, and it will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure for the last days. Listen! The wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on the earth in luxury and in pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter.  

Sermon  
Pastor Sarah  

Communion Invitation  
Communion Music  
**One Bread, One Body**  
by John B. Foley  

*(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  
by Rev. June Goudy  

For love shared and hope renewed, for promises remembered and Christ 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.  

Benediction  
Response  
**Alleluia**  
by Jerry Sinclair  

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  

Postlude  
**By a Meadow Brook**  
Yuyoung Jeong  

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