

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* Yuyoung Jeong
Op. 126, No. 1 by L. van Beethoven

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* Chancel Choir
by Carl P. Daw, Jr.

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* Dr. Chris Peterson
by Debbie Moylan

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 *Matthew 11:28-30* Lester Ricks

“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* Dr. Chris Peterson
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 christs 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
No. 9 from WOODLAND SKETCHES, OP. 51 by E. MacDowell

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