Irvine United Congregational Church  
An Open & Affirming, Just Peace, Global Mission, Creation Justice  
Congregation of the United Church of Christ  
May 22, 2022 • 9:30 & 11 AM  
Sixth Sunday after Easter

Prelude  
Cradle Song by E. Grieg  
Yuyoung Jeon

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  
Be the Change by Marc Kaplin and Colin Britt, words attrib. to Mahatma Gandhi  
Chancel Choir

Call to Worship  
Cesar Sangalang  
One: God has set this day before us,  
Many: A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.  
One: God has set our lives before us,  
Many: A span of years in which we love, and learn and serve.  
One: We gather this day to celebrate life-  
Many: The life we have been given by God,  
One: The life we share with one another in community,  
Many: In gratitude and joy we celebrate!  
Beth Merrill Neel, adapted

Hymn  
God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak (NCH 531)  
God, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of your tone;  
as you have sought, so let me seek your erring children lost and lone.  
O lead me, God, that I may lead some wanderers a long life’s way;  
O feed me so that I may feed your hungry ones without delay.  
O fill me with your fullness, God, your overflowing love to know;  
In glowing word and kindling thought, your love to tell, your praise  
to show.  
O use me, God, use even me just as you will, and when, and where,  
until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

A Fresh Word

Anthem  
Come to the Music by Joseph Martin  
Chancel Choir

Prayers of the Church  
Rev. Dr. Jerry von Talge  
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  
Cesar Sangalang

Offertory Music  
Prayer of Dedication
Song

Take My Gifts  (NCH # 562)

Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me, gave me light and food and shelter, gave me life and set me free, now because your love has touched me, I have love to give away, now the bread of love is rising, loaves of love to multiply!

Take the fruit that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed, harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God, spiced with humor, laced with laughter -- flavor of Jesus life, tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.

Take whatever I can offer -- gifts that I have yet to find, skills that I am slow to sharpen, talents of the hand and mind, things made beautiful for others in the place where I must be; take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

Scripture

Acts 20:22-24  Cesar Sangalang

“And now, as a captive to the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and persecutions are waiting for me. But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God’s grace.”

Response

Alleluia  by Jerry Sinclair

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  (Repeat)

Postlude  Yuyeong Jeong

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