

# 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* Yuyoung Jeon  
*by E. Grieg*

**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* Chancel Choir  
*by Marc Kaplin and Colin Britt, words attrib. to Mahatma Gandhi*

**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* Chancel Choir  
*by Joseph Martin*

**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.”

**Sermon** Pastor Sarah

**Benediction**

**Response** *Alleluia* by Jerry Sinclair

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

**Postlude** Yuyoung Jeong

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