

Irvine United Congregational Church

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

May 29, 2022 • 9:30 & 11 AM

Memorial Day Weekend

Prelude *In Times Like These* Yuyoung Jeong
by Fred Bock

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 *Dona Nobis Pacem* Chancel Choir
Traditional

Call to Worship Scott Bollens

One: We come into this sanctuary filled with emotions:
Many: Broken hearted, worried, angry, fearful.
One: We come with hope believing another world is possible.
Many: Joy comes in the morning.
One: We look to the heavens:
Many: "From whence shall my help come?"
All: Our help comes in the Lord. God be with us.

Hymn *I'm Pressing on the Upward Way* Hymnal #442

I'm pressing on the upward way, new heights I'm gaining every day;
Still praying as I'm onward bound, "O plant me, God on higher ground."
Oh lift me up, and I shall be by faith in heaven eternally,
A higher plane that I have found, O plant me, God on higher ground.

My heart has no desire to stay where doubts arise and fears
dismay;

Though some may dwell where these abound, my prayer,
my aim is is higher ground.

Oh lift me up, and I shall be by faith in heaven eternally,
A higher plane than I have found, O plant me, God on higher ground.

I want to scale the utmost height;
and catch a gleam of glory bright;
But still I'll pray till heaven I've found,
"God lead me on to higher ground."

O lift me up, and I shall be by faith in heaven eternally,
A higher plane that I have found, O plant me, God, on higher ground.

A Fresh Word

Anthem *I Dream a World* Chancel Choir
by Andre Thomas

Prayers of the Church Rev. Dr. Bil Aulenbach

Offertory Scott Bollens

Offertory Music

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn *O For a World* Hymnal #575

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relived,
Where truth is spoken, children spared. equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Scripture

Acts 1:1-2, 6-11 Scott Bollens

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.....

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

Sermon Pastor Sarah

Benediction

Response *Alleluia* by Jerry Sinclair

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

Postlude *The Christ of Every Crisis* Yuyoung Jeong
by Fred Bock

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