

Irvine United Congregational Church

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

May 15, 2022 • 9:30 & 11 AM

Fifth Sunday after Easter

Prelude *Summer Evening* Yuyoung Jeong

Op. 71, No. 2 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 iucc.org/visitor Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Introit *Here Am I, Send Me* Chancel Choir
by John Purifoy

Call to Worship Christine Roy

One: God has called us, as servants

Many: To venture in ways for which we may not see the ending

One: Though the paths are as yet untrodden

Many: Though there may be perils unknown

One: May we have faith always to go out with good courage

Many: Even if we do not completely know where we are going

One: But confident that God's spirit is leading us

Many: Trusting that God's love is supporting us always

(adapted from a prayer by the Holden Center)

Hymn

The Gift of Love

by Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

A Fresh Word

Anthem

We Are Called
by David Haas

Chancel Choir

Prayers of the Church

Rev. Steve Swope

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

Christine Roy

Offertory Music

Prayer of Dedication

Song*Deep in Our Hearts*

by Oldham & Klusmeier

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
 deep in our hearts there is a common song;
 deep in our hearts there is a common story,
 telling Creation that we are one.

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
 deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
 deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
 justice and peace in harmony.

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
 deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
 deep in our hearts there is a common current,
 flowing to freedom like a stream.

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
 deep in our hearts there is a common song;
 deep in our hearts there is a common story,
 telling Creation that we are one.

fire and hail, snow and frost,
 stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills,
 fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle,
 creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
 princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike,
 old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
 for his name alone is exalted;
 his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people,
 praise for all his faithful,
 for the people of Israel who are close to him.

Praise the Lord!

Scripture*Psalms 148*

Christine Roy

Praise the Lord!
 Praise the Lord from the heavens;
 praise him in the heights!
 Praise him, all his angels;
 praise him, all his host!
 Praise him, sun and moon;
 praise him, all you shining stars!
 Praise him, you highest heavens
 and you waters above the heavens!
 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
 for he commanded and they were created.
 He established them forever and ever;
 he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
 Praise the Lord from the earth,
 you sea monsters and all deeps,

Sermon*Focus, Flexibility & Future*

Pastor Steve

Benediction**Response***Alleluia*

by Jerry Sinclair

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

Postlude*Remembrances**Op. 71, No. 7 by E. Grieg*

Yuyoung Jeong

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