

Irvine United Congregational Church

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

*June 26, 2022 • 9:30 & 11 AM
PRIDE SERVICE*

Prelude *Born This Way* Yuyoung Jeong
Lady Gaga

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 *Within these Walls* Dr. Chris Peterson
by Pepper Choplin

Call to Worship Christine Roy

One: God of love, we come to this sacred space, and celebrate our own sacred and holy places:

Many: The tables where we find you, the closets where we find ourselves in you, the relationships where we come to know you more.

All: Make the spaces where each of us finds ourselves today a reflection of your love and grace.

One: God of rainbows, today we celebrate the many colors by which we all gather!

Many: The colors that shape our identities. The many colors that make up our flags, the many colors that make up our bodies

All: Let us find that each of these shades is a reflection of your love for us.

One: God of peace and justice, as we remember the struggle that unites us in our heritage, let us not forget that this fight is not over.

Many: While we celebrate today, remind us that tomorrow there is still work to be done, not only in our community, but in too many marginalized communities throughout our nation and our world.

All: Let our love extend like your love, well beyond our own created borders.

One: God of grace, may we find grace as abundant as yours in learning from each other.

Many: May we find the grace to make mistakes and to continue learning. May we find the grace to radically expand our welcomes.

All: May we find grace to breathe in slowly... and know we are filled with enough. Beloved, bright, and beautiful like the rainbow!

Hymn *In the Midst of New Dimensions* (NCH 391)
by Julian Rush

Verses:

The midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways.
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?

As we stand a world divided by our own self seeking schemes,
Grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams.

We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,
Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung.

Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again.

Refrain:

God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.

A Fresh Word

Anthem *Be Who You Are* Dr. Chris Peterson
Ryan Main

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

Christine Roy

Offertory Music

Prayer of Dedication

Christine Roy

Song

Standing on the Side of Love

Dr. Chris Peterson

Jason Shelton

The promise of the Spirit: faith, hope and love abide.
And so every soul is blessed and made whole;
the truth in our hearts is our guide.

Sometimes we build a barrier to keep love tightly bound.
Corrupted by fear, unwilling to hear,
denying the beauty we've found.

A bright new day is dawning
when love will not divide.
Reflections of grace in every embrace
fulfilling the vision divine.

Chorus
We are standing on the side of love:
hands joined together as hearts beat as one.
Embolded by faith, we dare to proclaim
We are standing on the side of love.
standing on the side of love. We are standing on the side of love.

Scripture

Genesis 9:8 -

Christine Roy

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Benediction

Pastor Sarah

Response

Alleluia

Pastor Sarah

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(Repeat)

Postlude

True Colors

Yuyoung Jeong

Cyndi Lauper

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