

Irvine United Congregational Church

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

*July 31, 2022 • 9:30 & 11 AM
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*

Prelude

One Short Day

by Stephen Schwartz

Yuyoung Jeong

Gathering Song

As We Gather

by Coomes & Fay

led by Wendy Wiebach

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

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the Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Introit

Let Us Be Glad

by Stephen Schwartz

Wendy Wiebach & Kiana Hamzehi

Call to Worship

John Habash

One: We come from a world that draws lines: good and evil, black and white, in or out.

Many: Without even realizing we find our place and choose our side.

One: Obviously, we pick the "right" side.

Many: And we do our part to stamp out the wicked and lift up the righteous.

One: God calls us to look deeper at our social constructs and our positions of comfort.

Many: Help us to answer Jesus' call to see with new eyes and hear with new ears that we might find the kin-dom of God in the places and people we least expect.

Song

No One Mourns the Wicked/ Ding Dong The Witch is Dead

Led by Wendy

Wiebach

by Stephen Schwartz/ E Harburg, E.Y. Harburg, & Harold Arlen

No one mourns the wicked, no one cries: they won't return.
No one lays a lily on their graves.
Goodness scorns the wicked
through their lives are children learn,
what we miss when we misbehave!

And goodness knows the wicked lives are lonely.
Goodness knows the wicked die alone.
It just shows when you're wicked you're left lonely on your own.

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Ding Dong! The Witch is dead. Which old Witch? The Wicked Witch!
Ding Dong! The Wicked Witch is dead.
Wake up sleepy head, rub your eyes, get out of bed.
Wake up, the Wicked Witch is dead!

She's gone where the goblins go, Below - below - below. Yo-ho!
let's open up and sing and ring the bells out.
Ding Dong' the merry-oh, sing it high, sing it low.
Let them know The Wicked Witch is dead!

A Fresh Word

Song

Popular

Wendy Wiebach

by Stephen Schwartz

Prayers for the Church

the Rev. Bil

Aulenbach

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.**

Song

God's Way on Broadway

led by Wendy

Wiebach

by Barry Mann

Lyrics by Halverson-Cano

They say the Bible's black 'n white
That's God's way (That's God's way)
They say God wrote the book and that's all
But God's not only black and white
And I don't mean to start a fight

But God's still speaking to and through us all.

They say it's just a show for fun
On Broadway (On Broadway)
But there is truth and light for all who hear.
Because if you just look for God
You're gonna find that you'll be awed
The Spirit sings in song for those with ears.

They say that I won't fit in church
That's God's way (That's God's way)
But they don't know God's circle's deep and wide
They say that only some belong
Truth is Jesus proves 'em wrong
'Cause God is present in this song
Truth is Jesus proves 'em wrong
'Cause God is present in this song
That's God's Way On Broadway
That's God's Way On Broadway...

Call to Offering	iucc.org/giving	John Habash
Offertory Music		Yuyoung Jeong
Prayer of Dedication		John Habash
Solo	<i>Defying Gravity</i> by Stephen Schwartz	Kiana Hamzehi
Scripture	Mark 4:11-13, 23	John Habash
<p>And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside, everything comes in parables; in order that 'they may indeed look, but not perceive, and may indeed listen, but not understand; so that they may not turn again and be forgiven. And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables? Let anyone with ears to hear listen."</p>		
Sermon	The Parable of the Wicked Witch	Pastor Sarah
Song	<i>For Good</i> by Stephen Schwartz	Kiana Hamzehi & Wendy Wiebach

**Benediction
Response**

Pastor Sarah

Alleluia

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

Postlude

Defying Gravity

Yuyoung Jeong

by Stephen Schwartz

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