Irvine United Congregational Church

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

July 3, 2022 • 9:30 & 11 AM

Communion Sunday

Prelude *An American Patriotic Medley* Yuyoung Jeong
arr. Phil Hamm

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

Call to Worship Rugee Gimarino

One: In between fireworks and BBQs, we carve out time to come together as church.
Many: Welcomed into God's sanctuary, we come in for celebration!
One: Here we celebrate liberty and freedom!
Many: Here we celebrate independence and interdependence!
One: Here we celebrate justice and equality!
Many: Here we celebrate peace and love!
One: Beyond the red, the white, and the blue,
Many: We celebrate all the colors of the rainbow!
One: Come in, come in, citizens of God's kingdom, Jesus' kin-dom!
Many: For all are welcome here and all belong!

Hymn *This Is My Song* *Hymnal #591*
led by Dr. Chris Peterson, Dir. of Music

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
with hope and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

A Fresh Word

Prayers of the Church Rev. Terry LePage

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
Offertory Music
Prayer of Dedication Rugee Gimarino

Song *How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies* *Hymnal 594*

How beautiful for spacious skies, our amber waves of grain;
Our purple mountains as they rise above the fruited plain.
America! America! God's gracious gifts abound,
and more and more we're grateful for life's bounty all around.

Indigenous and immigrant, our daughters and our sons:
O may we never rest content till all are truly one.
America! America! God grant that we may be
a sisterhood and brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

How beautiful, sincere lament, the wisdom born of tears,
the courage called for to repent the blood-shed through the years.
America! America! God grant that we may be
a nation blessed with none oppressed, true land of liberty.

How beautiful, two continents, and islands in the sea
that dream of peace, non violence, all people living free.
Americas! Americas! God grant that we may be
a hemisphere where people here all live in harmony.

Scripture **Mark 12: 13-17** Rugee Gimarino

Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?" But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it." And they brought one. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Jesus said to them, "Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." And they were utterly amazed at him.

Sermon Pastor Sarah

Communion Invitation Pastor Sarah

Communion Music *One Bread, One Body* Dr. Chris Peterson
by John B. Foley

(Refrain) One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.
Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more. (Refrain)
Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. (Refrain)
Grain for the field, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all (Refrain)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (written by Rev. June Goudy)

For love shared and hope renewed, for promises remembered and christs among us, for the feasts of this life and those to come, we give you thanks, O God. Send us forth to reconcile and make new, praising life in the midst of death, bearing hope on angels' wings, and giving thanks always and everywhere that life is precious beyond all telling. Alleluia and Amen.

Benediction Pastor Sarah

Response *Alleluia* Pastor Sarah

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

Postlude *God Bless America* Yuyoung Jeong
by Irving Berlin, Arr. J. Cook

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