

Irvine United Congregational Church

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

*August 21, 2022 • 9:30 & 11 AM
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*

Prelude

Phantom of the Opera Medley
Arr. Nate Hance

Yuyoung Jeong

Gathering Song

As We Gather
by Coomes & Fay

led by Dr. Chris Peterson

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

The Music of the Night
Music by Andrew Lloyd Weber

Jaime Reza

Call to Worship

Scott Bollens

One: We enter this sanctuary in the morning light,
Many: Out of the shadows of night's darkness,
One: Where Phantoms lurk and fear lingers,
Many: Shame hidden behind thin masks,
One: The stage is set, the time has come,
Many: And now it's our turn to find our voice
One: To sing without fear, and let love lead.
All: Out of the darkness, and into the light!

Song

God's Way on Broadway
Music by Barry Mann
Lyrics by Halverson-Cano

led by Chris Peterson

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. That's God's Way On Broadway
That's God's Way On Broadway...

A Fresh Word

Welcoming New Members

Pastor Sarah

Congregation: We recognize the spirit of Jesus of Nazareth as a real and important force in the universe. Will you join us in this faith?

New Member: I now join with you to trust and celebrate God's love.

Congregation: We are committed to a daily endeavor to let God's spirit re-mold our lives from within. Will you join us in this endeavor?

New Member: I commit to grow with you.

Congregation: We believe ourselves to be one family, bound together by God's love. Therefore, we seek in every way we can to make that love believable for each other. Will you join us in this mutual ministry?

New Member: I will. I entrust to you both my needs and my gifts.

Congregation: Will you now unite with us in our covenant?

ALL: We join together with God and with each other to provide an environment open for all to worship God, to develop Christian values, to share life's experiences, to strive for truth, justice and peace, and to respond with compassion to the needs of others. We do this in the love of Jesus and in our desire to do the will of God.

Please welcome Maria Carillo, Chenda Chhi, Doreen O'Leary, Efren Ramirez,

Emily Smead, Diana Vickers, & Douglas Owens.

Solo

Think of Me

Wendy Wiebach

Andrew Lloyd Weber

Prayers for the Church

Rev. Joe Dressler

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

Scott Bollens

Offertory Music

Prayer of Dedication

Scott Bollens

Duet

All I Ask of You

Chris Peterson & Wendy Wiebach

Music by Andrew Lloyd Weber

Scripture

Ephesians 5:8 - 13

Scott Bollens

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light.

Song

The Phantom of the Opera

Wendy Wiebach & Jaime Reza

by Andrew Lloyd Webber

Sermon

Inside My Mind

Pastor Sarah

Benediction

Pastor Sarah

Response

Alleluia

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

(Repeat)

Postlude

Phantom of the Opera

Yuyoung Jeong

Arr. by Leiki Ueda

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