

Irvine United Congregational Church

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

August 7, 2022 • 9:30 & 11 AM

COMMUNION

Prelude

Castle on a Cloud

Yuyoung Jeong

Music by Claude-Michel Schönberg

Lyrics by Herbert Kretzmer

Gathering Song

As We Gather

led by Chris Peterson

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. Steve Swope

Introit

On My Own

Wendy Wiebach

Music by Claude-Michel Schönberg

Lyrics by Trevor Nunn, John Caird, Herbert Kretzmer, Alain Boublil, & Jean-Marc Natel

Call to Worship

Lester Ricks

One: When broken dreams awaken to nightmares; life a drudging task,
barely worth living

MANY: Meet us in the misery

One: When hope, a hidden miracle, is buried deep below the mess,

MANY: Help us to find it, your grace help it to grow

One: The miserable endure despite injustice

MANY: Let your love fuel the pursuit of divine justice

One: May mercy break the cycle and your kingdom be revealed

MANY: The brokenhearted be uplifted and the hungry and hurting healed

**ALL: Let us seek your justice, love with mercy, and walk humbly
with you, O God.**

Song

God's Way on Broadway

led by Chris Peterson

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

A Fresh Word

Solo

Bring Him Home

Jaime Reza

Music by Claude-Michel Schönberg
Lyrics by Alain Boublil & Herbert Kretzmer

Prayers for the Church

Jerri Davenport, MDiv

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

Lester Ricks
Yuyoung Jeong
Lester Ricks

Solo

I Dreamed a Dream

Wendy Wiebach

Music by Claude-Michel Schönberg
Lyrics by Herbert Kretzmer, Alain Boublil, & Jean-Marc Natel

Scripture

Matthew 25:34-40

Lester Ricks

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you

gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

Sermon *Les Miserables – What Future Do You Bring?* the Rev. Steve Swope

Communion Invitation the Rev. Steve Swope
Communion Music *One Bread, One Body* Chris Peterson

(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 the Rev. Steve Swope

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

Postlude *Do You Hear the People Sing* Yuyoung Jeong
Music by Claude-Michel Schönberg

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