

Irvine United Congregational Church

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

September 11, 2022 • 3:00pm

THE INSTALLATION OF OUR PASTOR: REV. DR. SARAH HALVERSON-CANO

Prelude

Pass It On

Yuyoung Jeong

Arranged by Mark Hayes

Welcome

Tricia Aynes, Moderator

Processional Hymn

In the Midst of New Dimensions

Dr. Christopher Peterson

Music by Julian Rush

Liturgical Dancers: Jennifer Blackburn, Mollie Halverson-Cano, Eliza Wall

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways.

Who will lead the pilgrim people's wandering in their separate ways?

Chorus: 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.

Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,

Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?

Chorus

As we stand a world divided by our own self seeking schemes,

Grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams.

Chorus

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.

Chorus

Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,

May your blazing phoenix spirit, resurrect the church again.

Chorus

Call to Worship

August Lobato

One: There are different gifts,

Many: But it is the same spirit that gives them.

One: There are varieties of ways to serve God,

Many: But it is the same Lord who is served.

One: God works through people in different ways.

Many: But it is the same God who inspires a faithful response.

One: Each one is given gifts by the Spirit, to use for the common good.

All: Together we are the body of Christ.

Song

One Spirit of Love

by Paul Svenson

led by Chris Peterson

*Many are the wonders of God, many doors open wide,
Many roads that are still untraveled
Many are the gifts that we share, many burdens we bear
Many mysteries still unraveled*

Chorus:

*Many gifts, one spirit of love, one spirit of love
Many gifts, one spirit of love, one spirit of love*

*Some will be teachers of life, some the preachers of love,
Some the Fathers and some the Mothers
Some will be the ones who will care, some will listen and share
Serving God while they serve each other*

Chorus

*Living as the body of Christ, and the heart of the earth,
And the hands that will break new ground
Celebrate the gifts from within, now it's time to begin,
God's people can turn the world around now.*

Chorus

IUCC Journey to Call

Keith Boyum, Pastoral Search Chair

Anthem

We Are Called

Music by David Haas

IUCC Chancel Choir

Greetings from Interfaith Friends

Akbar Hussaini, Newport-Mesa-Irvine Interfaith Council
Rabbi Arnold Rachlis, University Synagogue
Shakeel Syed, South Asian Network

Offering to Support Members in Discernment

the Rev. Dr. Terry LePage

Offertory Music

Yuyoung Jeong

Prayer of Dedication

the Rev. Ken Wyant

Scripture

Myrna Bohan

Jeremiah 3:15

"And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Message

But We've Never Done That Before

the Rev. Fred Plumer

Anthem

Be the Change

IUCC Chancel Choir

by Laura Farnell

Order of Installation

the Rev. Iona Dickenson

Iona:

Dear friends,

Irvine United Congregational Church has declared that, having gathered under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it has called The Rev. Dr. Sarah Jeanne Halverson-Cano to minister in this place as a settled pastor and teacher. The Southern Association of the Southern California Nevada Conference of The United Church of Christ has declared that she has met all the necessary conditions for installation to this office.

Rev. Sarah, seeing that you are called to ordained ministry by the grace of God and that The Irvine United Congregational Church has been led to call you as settled pastor and teacher, are you willing to enter this covenant with its members who are one in Christ with us in the Southern Association?

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano:

I am willing, and I promise to continue serving this church faithfully, preaching and teaching the love of God, administering the sacraments, and fulfilling the pastoral office, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

Rev. Iona:

Members of Irvine United Congregational Church

will those who are willing and able rise and affirm your covenant with your pastor and teacher?

Members of Irvine United Congregational Church:

We, the members of Irvine United Congregational Church receive Sarah as our pastor.

We gather with her and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

Rev. Iona:

Members of the Southern Association,

will those of you who are willing and able, rise and affirm your covenant with Irvine United Congregational Church and their pastor and teacher?

Members of the Southern Association:

We, the members of the Southern Association of the Southern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ, gather with you, the people and pastor of Irvine United

Congregational Church, as a sign of our covenant and in celebration of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

Iona:

We know that there are others here this afternoon: Interfaith partners, family, friends, persons who are here to support Sarah and this church in their ministry together. As a sign of our unity in Spirit, will those who are willing and able please rise and affirm your support of the people and pastor of Irvine United Congregational Church?

Interfaith partners, Friends, and Family:

As siblings in Love, we gather with you, the people and pastor of the Irvine United Congregational Church in support and celebration of your mutual ministry together in Christ's name.

Prayer of Installation

Iona: Let us pray as one.

ALL:

All-Loving God, you have called your servants to make promises before you; now enable us to keep our vows that we may remain steadfast in faith and fruitful in every good work. Bless, we pray, your servant Sarah, to whom the continued care of your people in this community is entrusted. Pour out your Holy Spirit on her, on the people of Irvine United Congregational Church and on all the churches of the Southern Association of the Southern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ, that our mutual ministry may be served with all faithfulness, diligence, and courage. Grant us the spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind. Make our ministry a means of awakening your creation, strengthening the faithful, comforting the afflicted, afflicting the comforted, building up the community, and joining the cause for love.

Enable in us your gracious gifts of hope, peace, love, and joy, for we are healing hands in a hurting world. We gratefully accept your invitation to live in abundance, filled with wonder and compassion, in service to all we meet.

Amen, and may it be so.

Iona: Sarah,

In the name of Jesus the Christ, and on behalf of the Southern Association of the Southern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ, I declare you duly installed as pastor and teacher of Irvine United Congregational Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Charge

Rabbi Stephen Einstein

Recessional Hymn

Here I am God

Chris Peterson

Music by Daniel L Schutte

*I, the God of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.*

*I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?*

Chorus:

*Here I am, God. Is it I, God?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the God of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.*

*I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?*

Chorus

*I, the God of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.*

*Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?*

Chorus

Sending Forth

Pastor Sarah

Closing Song

Carry the Light

Chris Peterson

Words and Music by Debbie Moylan

*We have all witnessed Your presence. We have received your grace.
We give You honor and glory. For moving in this place.
Now we go out to share the Good News. Now we go out to share Your Love.
Now we go out to share the Good News. Now we go out to share Your Love.
Carry the light!*

*Carry the light! Carry the light to all the earth! Carry the light!
Carry the light! Carry the light of Jesus Christ! Carry the light!*

Postlude

The Church's One Foundation
Arranged by Mark Hayes

Yuyoung Jeong

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