

Irvine United Congregational Church

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

October 16, 2022 • 9:30 & 11 AM
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude

Let there be Peace on Earth
Arr. Mark Hayes

Yuyoung Jeong

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

the Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Introit

Be the Change
by Marc Kaplan & Colin Britt

IUCC Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

August Lobato

One: It is good to be together, God, in this place, with these people, at this time,

Many: together listening for your voice.

One: We recognize the pain of our world, the injustice, and the brokenness.

Many: We feel it globally, communally, personally.

One: In this hour of worship tell us about your kingdom of kindness

Many: so that we can seek it.

One: Show us your justice.

Many: We want to walk with you, humbly, closely, daily.

**All: Help us to be the change we wish to see in our lives, in our church and in our world.
Amen.**

Anthem

Let the River Run

IUCC Chancel Choir

by Carley Simon, Arr. by Craig Hella Johnson

A Fresh Word

Prayers of 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.

Stewardship Moment

Hymn

The Fire of Commitment

Dr. Chris Peterson

by Jason Shelton

V. 1, 3

Verse 1:

From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear
Guiding hands and hearts and spirits Into faith set free from fear.
When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

Verse 3:

From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice,
Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice
When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

Offertory

August Lobato –

Offertory Music

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Prayer of Dedication

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Scripture

Romans 12:2,9-18,21 (New Century Version)

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“Do not change yourselves to be like the people of this world, but be changed within by a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to decide what God wants for you; you will know what is good and pleasing to him and what is perfect. Your love must be real. Hate what is evil, and hold on to what is good. Love each other like brothers and sisters. Give each other more honor than you want for yourselves. Do not be lazy but work hard, serving the Lord with all your heart. Be joyful because you have hope. Be patient when trouble comes, and pray at all times. Share with God's people who need help. Bring strangers in need into your homes. Wish good for those who harm you; wish them well and do not curse them. Be happy with those who are happy, and be sad with those who are sad. Live in peace with each other. Do not be proud, but make friends with those who seem unimportant. Do not think how smart you are. If someone does wrong to you, do not pay him back by doing wrong to him. Try to do what everyone thinks is right. Do your best to live in peace with everyone. Do not let evil defeat you, but defeat evil by doing good.”

Sermon

Pastor Sarah

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

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

(Repeat)

Postlude

When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

Yuyoung Jeong

Arr. Mark Hayes

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