

Irvine United Congregational Church

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

October 30, 2022 • 9:30 & 11 AM

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude

The Love of Jesus Medley
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

The Addams Family Theme
by Vic Mizzy

IUCC Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

Worship Leader

One: The world is a scary place: goblins, ghosts, ghouls and Godzilla!

Many: The world is a scary place: war, violence, stock market crashes.

One: There is much to fear: witches, monsters, horned devils.

Many: Mortgages, college debt, bankruptcy, Covid and cancer.

One: We fear the monsters under the bed, the boogiemán, and the darkness.

Many: We fear the unanswered questions, powerlessness, and disease.

One: Where are you when we need you, God? In the darkness? In the disease? In bankruptcy?
Under the bed and in the closet?

**Many: God is bigger than the darkness, God is bigger than disease, God is bigger than
bankruptcy...God is everywhere: in the closet, under the bed, in the war zone, in our very
selves.**

One: God is with us when we are afraid.

Many: God is always with us when we are afraid.

ALL: Ever present God, grant us the courage to face the fear, awareness to feel your presence, and the faith to persevere even when we feel helpless. Amen.

Anthem

By Our Love

IUCC Chancel Choir

by Christy Nockels, arr. by May McDonald

A Fresh Word

Hymn

You Are My Hiding Place

Christopher Peterson

by Michael Ledner

You are my hiding place,
you always fill my heart with songs of deliverance.
Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you.
I will trust in you; let the weak say,
"I am strong in the strength of my God."
(Repeat)

Prayers of the Church

Chaplain Richard Davenport

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

Bill & Sarah Wall

Song

Be The Change

Dr. Chris Peterson

by Marc Kaplan & Colin Britt

Be the change you want to see in the world,
be the change you want to see in the world,
be the change you want to see in the world.

Be the voice you want to hear in the world,
be the voice you want to hear in the world,
be the voice you want to hear in the world.

Be the light you want to shine in the world,
be the light you want to shine in the world,

be the light you want to shine in the world.

Chorus: And change will come to you.

Offertory	Worship Leader
Offertory Music	Yuyoung Jeong
Prayer of Dedication	Worship Leader

Scripture **Ezekiel 37: 1- 14** Worship Leader

"The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.' " So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' Therefore prophecy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.' "

Sermon

Pastor Sarah

Benediction

Pastor Sarah

Response

Alleluia

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

(Repeat)

Postlude

Simple Gifts

Yuyoung Jeong

Arr. Mark Hayes

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Heidi & Mark Wilcox have generously donated flowers this week to IUCC in celebration of their daughter's Torrey's 34th birthday!