

# Irvine United Congregational Church

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

November 6, 2022 • 9:30 & 11 AM

COMMUNION

## Prelude

***In His Time***

Yuyoung Jeong

Arr. Carl Seal

## 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

***We Remember Them***

IUCC Chancel Choir

by Susan LaBarr

## Call to Worship

Myrna Bohan

One: We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses!

**Many: Ever present in our lives, even death cannot separate us.**

One: We come today to give thanks to God for the Saints.

**Many: For the Saints who tied our shoes and wiped away our tears.**

One: For the Saints who taught us to share even when we didn't feel like it.

**Many: For the Saints who taught us to wonder at the beauty of a starry night.**

One: For the Saints who expected more of us than we did of ourselves.

**Many: For the Saints who sacrificed for our benefit.**

One: For the Saints who pushed us to live out our ideals.

**Many: For the Saints who listened when no one else would.**

One: For the Saints who praise God still on another shore.

**Many: Praise God for all the Saints! May we live their legacy!**

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**Anthem**

***Ad Astra (To the Stars)***

by Jacob Narverud

IUCC Chancel Choir

**A Fresh Word**

**Hymn**

***For All the Saints***

by William W. How  
Hymn # 299 v. 1,3, 4, 5

Christopher Peterson

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who to the world their steadfast faith confessed  
your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Still may your people, faithful, true, and bold,  
live as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and share with them a glorious crown of gold.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine,  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet in your love our faithful lives entwine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
then hearts are brave again, and faith grows strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayers of 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.**

**Stewardship Moment**

Myrna Bohan

**Song*****Be The Change***  
by Marc Kaplan & Colin Britt

Dr. Chris Peterson

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**

Myrna Bohan

**Offertory Music**

Yuyoung Jeong

**Prayer of Dedication**

Myrna Bohan

**Scripture**

Romans 8:1-6, 26, 34-35, 37-39

Myrna Bohan

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?...

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

**Sermon** Pastor Sarah

**Communion Invitation** Pastor Sarah

**Communion Music** *One Bread, One Body* Christopher 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** Pastor Sarah

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

**Postlude** *I'll Fly Away* Yuyoung Jeong  
Arr. Mark Hayes

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