

Irvine United Congregational Church

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

November 20, 2022 • 9:30 & 11 AM

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Yuyoung Jeong

tune: Salzburg (Hintze)

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

Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers

IUCC Chancel Choir

by Roger Powell

Call to Worship

Rugee Gimarino

One: We gather in God's sanctuary to give thanks!

Many: No words can possibly capture all of our gratitude. Leader: God blesses us with gifts of love: People: Family and friends who support us and carry us when we cannot carry ourselves.

One: Opportunities to see God in action!

Many: Neighbor blessing neighbor, a helping hand, a gentle smile, a gesture of kindness.

One: For all the blessings of our lives we give thanks.

Many For the blessings we have not earned, we give thanks.

One: For blessings great and small, we give thanks.

Many : In all things, we give thanks.

All: Amen.

Hymn

We Gather Together

NCH #421

Netherlands Folk Hymn, transl. Theodore Baker, Adapt Lavon Bayler

*We gather together to ask for Gods' blessing,
To live in community seeking God's will.
We come now as sisters and brothers confessing
The sins that divide and the wrong in us still.*

*Beside us, forgiving, enabling, sustaining,
You call us O Savior, to life that is new.
You draw us away from self centered complaining,
You lead us and guide us in ways that are true.*

*All praise to the Spirit, provider, defender,
You offer us freedom, to follow or stray,
Empowering all by the hope you engender,
Grant wisdom and courage to follow your way.*

A Fresh Word

Anthem

Family of Light

IUCC Chancel Choir

by Tina English

Prayers of the Church

the Rev. Dr. Jerry Von Talge

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.

Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

NCH #28

Conrad Kocher, adapt William H. Monk

1. *For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,*

Chorus

*God of all, to you we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

2. *For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
Sun and moon, and stars of light,*

Chorus

3. *For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild,*

Offertory Rugee Gimarino
Offertory Music Yuyoung Jeong
Prayer of Dedication Rugee Gimarino

Scripture Ephesians 5:18b-20 Rugee Gimarino

...Be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon Pastor Sarah

Benediction Pastor Sarah

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

Postlude *How Great Thou Art* Yuyoung Jeong
Traditional Swedish Folk Tune adapted by Stuart K. Hin

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