

Irvine United Congregational Church

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

November 27, 2022 • 9:30 & 11 AM

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prelude

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Yuyoung Jeong

arr. Carol Tornquist

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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

IUCC Chancel Choir

John Mason Neale/Henry Sloane Coffin

Call to Worship

Christine Roy

One: O come, O come, Emmanuel. We are here this morning in anticipation of a miracle!

**Many: We come with hearts filled with wonder and excitement looking for the signs that
Christmas will come, the baby will be born, and the light will shine in our world!**

One: Our lives mirror the Advent season: we are continually waiting to become, to discover,
to complete, to fulfill. The world tells us to hurry up, and Advent tells us to be patient,
to open our eyes, to wait and see!

**Many: Hope, struggle, fear, expectation and fulfillment, lists and demands all pull upon
our lives and emotions. We want Christmas and its miracle now!**

One: Advent is about preparation. Advent is not about instant gratification. Advent is about
hope that the light we await will come.

**Many: The signs are all around us. The tiniest spark is about to ignite. Hope will burn
through the night and sustain us on our journey.**

All: O come, O come, Emmanuel!

Anthem

Rise Up Shepherd and Follow

IUCC Chancel Choir

Arr. Jack Schrader

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Bill, Sarah, and Eliza Wall

Congregational Response: *Come, let us walk in the light of God!*

Response in Song:

sung to "Away in a Manger"

Dr. Chris Peterson

*A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright;
A candle of Hope in November's dark night.
While angels sing blessing from heav'n's starry sky,
Our hearts we prepare now, for Jesus is nigh.*

A Fresh Word

Prayers of the Church

Jerri Davenport, M.Div

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.

Song

Star-Child

Dr. Chris Peterson

by S. E. Murray & C. Young

*Star-Child, earth-Child, go-between of God,
love Child, Christ Child, heaven's lightning rod,
this year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!*

*Spared child, spoiled child, having, wanting more,
Wise child, faith child, knowing joy in store,
this year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!*

*Hope-for-peace Child, God's stupendous sign,
down-to-earth Child, Star of stars that shine,
this year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!*

Offertory

Christine Roy

Offertory Music

Yuyoung Jeong

Prayer of Dedication

Christine Roy

Scripture

Romans 13:8-14

Christine Roy

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Sermon

Pastor Sarah

Benediction

Pastor Sarah

Response*Alleluia**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**(Repeat)***Postlude*****All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name***

Yuyoung Jeong

arr. Carol Tornquist arr. Lloyd Larson

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