

Irvine United Congregational Church

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

December 4, 2022 • 9:30 & 11 AM

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prelude

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Yuyoung Jeong

arr. Mark Hayes

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

Rev. Ken Wyant

Introit

Away in the Manger

IUCC Children's Choir

by Kirkpatrick & Murray

Call to Worship

Yen Bui

One: While we are making lists of things we have enough of...

Many: You come: to offer us salvation, that one gift we cannot purchase: Peace.

One: As the world prepares to entice us with more and more,

Many: You come: to fill our hearts with all the hopes you have dreamed about us forever.

One: When we push past each other to get to the front of worry's line,

Many: You come to clasp us away from consumption's grasp.

All: Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel. Open our hearts and illuminate the path to Peace.

Thom Shuman, adapted Halverson-Cano

Song

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Dr. Chris Peterson

John Mason Neale/Henry Sloane Coffin

***O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the child of God appear.***

refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

***O come, Desire of Nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Make envy, strife, and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.***

refrain

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Ratinoff Family

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 candle of Peace;
A candle to signal that conflict must cease.
For Jesus is coming to show us the way;
A message of Peace humbly laid in the hay.*

A Fresh Word

Anthem

Joy to the World/O Come, All Ye Faithful

IUCC Children's Choir

by Watts & Watson/Wade & Oakeley

Prayers of the Church

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.

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!*

*Street child, beat child, no place left to go,
Hurt child, used child no one wants to know
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

Yen Bui

**Offertory Music
Prayer of Dedication**

Yuyoung Jeong
Yen Bui

Scripture

Acts 9:10-19

Yen Bui

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision[a] a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem, and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul[b] and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus...

Sermon

Damascus Christians

Rev. Ken Wyant

Communion Invitation

Pastor Ken

Communion Music

One Bread, One Body

Chris 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 Ken

Response

Alleluia

by Jerry Sinclair

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! (Repeat)

Postlude

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Yuyoung Jeong

arr. Mark Hayes

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