

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

January 22, 2023 • 9:30am & 11:00am
CELEBRATING THE EARLY CHILDCARE CENTER

Prelude *Prelude: Intermezzo Op. 76 No. 4* Yuyoung Jeong, piano
Brahms

Gathering Song *As We Gather* Congregation
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 iucc.org/visitor Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Introit *Come to the Water* Sing! Prayer and Praise #165
by Ray Makeever

Call to Worship Jon Ingal

One: On that first day, when time began:

Many: You gave birth to creation; light danced through the darkness; the waters of hope flowed free and clear.

One On that first day at the Jordan, when redemption sprang anew:

Many: You promised life for all your children, as your child stepped into the waters of forgiveness, dancing in hope with his loved ones.

One: On this first day of the week, when we begin afresh:

Many: you call us to faithfulness, as we open our hearts to you,

All: your voice claiming us as your own. Amen.

Hymn *Take Me to the Water* Hymnal 322
African American spiritual, Arr. Jeffrey Radford

Take me to the water, take me to the water,
take me to the water to be baptized.

I love Jesus, I love Jesus
I love Jesus, yes, I do.
Take me to the water, take me to the water,
take me to the water to be baptized.

A Fresh Word

Anthem

Wade in the Water
Arr. Larry Shackley

Chancel Choir

ECC Gratitude Moment

Prayers of the Church

Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

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.

Offertory

Jon Ingal

Offertory Music

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn

Your Ways Are Not Our Own

Hymnal 170

Your ways are not our own, O Gracious God most high,
Yet we would follow in your paths and on your love rely.

Christ teaches us to bless, the ones who curse and harm,
To turn the other cheek when struck, attackers to disarm.

Yet, we cannot excuse abuse in any form,
For all are children of your care, and love must be our norm.

How shall we show you love, your pardon to believe?
You bid us share as we are blessed and give as we receive.

Forgiveness is our joy, receiving, giving, too.
Keep us from judgments hard and cruel, that we may dwell with you.

Scripture**Matthew 3:13-17****Jon, Ingal**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Sermon**9:30am Service****Rev. Josh Komo****Sermon****11:00am Service****Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano****Benediction****Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano****Response****Alleluia****Congregation**

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

Postlude**Postlude: Capriccio Op. 116 No. 3****Yuyoung Jeong, piano**

Brahms

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