

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

January 29, 2023 • 9:30am & 11:00am

WINTER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Prelude **10,000 Reasons** Yuyoung Jeong, piano
Arr. Mark Hayes

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 **Lead With Love** IUCC Chancel Choir
by Melanie DeMore

Call to Worship Renae Boyum

One: Gather us into this sanctuary.
Many: Gather us in to be sanctuary.
One: Here in this place we seek justice together.
Many: Here in this place we live into God's love.
One: Here in this place we're called to question.
Many: Here in this place we're invited to think.
One: Here in this place we challenge our faith.
Many: Here in this place we're invited to listen.
One: God speaks in mysterious ways,
Many: And gives us voice to speak our truths.
One: Making sense of an ancient word,
Many: We hear God's call in our lives today.
One Urging us onward, pushing us out of our comfort zones,
Many: Calling us out to do God's work.
All: Here in this place, we listen, we answer, we go out to do the work.

I see a church with a vision;

I see a church on a mission.

I see a church who has made her mind up,
and she's building her hopes on things eternal.
She's holding to God's unchanging hand.

I see a church with a vision;

I see a church on a mission.

I see a church with its doors open wide,
and the poor and the rich
worship God side by side.

I see a church who has made her mind up,
and she's building her hopes on things eternal.
She's holding to God's unchanging hand.

I see a church with a vision;

I see a church on a mission.

I see a church with its doors open wide,
and the poor and the rich
worship God side by side,
and the young and the old
have both put down their pride.

I see a church who has made her mind up,
and she's building her hopes on things eternal.
She's holding to God's unchanging hand.

I see a church with a vision;

I see a church on a mission.

I see a church with its doors open wide,
and the poor and the rich
worship God side by side,
and the young and the old
have both put down their pride,
and yes, we who seem different don't have to hide.

I see a church who has made her mind up,
and she's building her hopes on things eternal.
She's holding to God's unchanging hand,
holding to God's unchanging hand!

A Fresh Word

Anthem

Reflections from Micah
by Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir

New Member Reception

Jerri Davenport, Richard Davenport
Amir Jibod, Cheri Miller, Ed Ruppert

Congregation: We recognize the spirit of Jesus of Nazareth as a real and important force in the universe. Will you join us in this faith?

New Members: We now join with you to trust and celebrate God's love.

Congregation: We are committed to a daily struggle to let God's spirit remold our lives from within. Will you join us in this struggle?

New Members: We commit to grow with you.

Congregation: We believe ourselves to be one family, bound together by God's love. Therefore, we seek in every way we can to make that love believable for each other. Will you join us in this mutual ministry?

New Members: We will. We entrust to you both our needs and our gifts.

Congregation: Will you now unite with us in our covenant?

All: We join together with God and with each other to provide an environment upon for all to worship God, to develop Christian values, to share life's experiences, to strive for truth, justice and peace, and to respond with compassion to the needs of others. We do this in the love of Jesus and in our desire to do the will of God in all things.

Prayers of the Church

Rev. Steve Swope

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
Offertory Music
Prayer of Dedication

Renaey Boyum

Hymn

Gather Us In

Congregation

by Marty Haugen, Chalice Hymnal # 284

Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day

We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty
Gather us in, the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song

Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day

Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones

Scripture

Matthew 5:14-16

Renaë Boyum

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Response

Alleluia

Congregation

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

Postlude

Living Hope

Yuyoung Jeong, piano

Arr. Mark Hayes

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