

iucc Irvine United Congregational Church
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Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

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EVOLUTION SUNDAY

Gathering

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Brian Doerksen (adapted Gary Barmore)

*Come, now is the time to worship;
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come just as you are to worship;
Come just as you before your God.
Come.*

*Ev'ry day we live in the light of God's love,
Ev'ry day we walk by faith.
Now we're here to open our hearts once more,
Now we give thanks for grace.*

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Come, come, come!

Connecting

Opportunity to greet one another

Centering

Jaime Reza

Evolution

John Banister Tabb

Singing

You Are

Mark Unbehagen (adapted Halverson-Cano)

Refrain::

You are! You are the essence of Creation.

You are stronger than the walls we build to keep us apart.

You are! You are beyond our words to hold you.

You are beyond our understanding, yet known within our hearts.

God of wonder, of galaxies unknown,

Your imprint deep within our cells,

We are never alone.

Refrain

God of birthing and of eagle wing,

Hold us through our fear and pain,

Breathe through the song we sing.

Refrain

God of hist'ry revealed in ancient word:

evolving through the mystery,

Let your love be heard!

Refrain

Fresh Word

Praying

Craig Tyrl

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Ken Medema

Lord, Listen to your children praying, Lord, Send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Offering

We Are an Offering

Dwight Liles

*We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.*

*God, use our voices, God, use our hands,
God, use your lives, they are yours,
We are an offering.*

*All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.*

*We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you;
we are an offering, we are an offering.*

Reading

Genesis 2:7-9, 15, 18-25

Pastor Sarah

Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air and to every animal of the field, but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Learning

Dr. Adolfo Sequeira & Pastor Sarah

Communing

Pastor Sarah

Draw the Circle Wide

Mark Miller

*Draw the circle wide.
Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song,
no one stand alone,
standing side by side,
Draw the circle wide.
(refrain)*

Sending

Pastor Sarah

Carry the Light

Debby Moylan

*We have all witnessed your presence,
We have received your grace.
We give you honor and glory,
For moving in this place.*

*Now we go out to share the good news.
Now we go out to share your love.
Now we go out to share the good news.
Now we go out to share your love:*

*Carry the light! Carry the light!
Carry the light to all the earth!*

*Carry the light! Carry the light!
Carry the light of Jesus Christ!*

Departing

Evolution

by Roy Ayers

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