

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

February 19, 2023 • 9:30am

FAT SUNDAY

Prelude *Down by the Riverside* Yuyoung Jeong, piano
African American Spiritual

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 *Surely the Presence of the Lord* Chancel Choir
by Lanny Wolfe

Call to Worship *Isaiah 25:6-9* Christine Roy

One: We have heard the prophet's cry: "On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food! A feast of well-aged wines.
Many: God will take away the disgrace of the peoples from all the earth, and wipe away the tears from all faces.
One: On this mountain God will destroy the burial shroud that covers the nations and swallow up death forever.
Many: This is our God, whom we have waited for; God will come and will save us!
One: Blessed are you, Lord God of All Creation, for it is from your goodness that we have this day to celebrate!
Many: Tomorrow we will fast, but today we feast.
One: Come let us celebrate with our God!
Many: Laughing, dancing, singing and feasting --All: Come taste and see the goodness of our God!

Hymn *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* Congregation
African American Spiritual

Swing low, sweet chariot,
Coming for to carry me home,
Swing low, sweet chariot,
Coming for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see,
Coming for to carry me home?
A band of angels coming after me,
Coming for to carry me home. (refrain)

Sometimes I'm up, and sometimes I'm down,
Coming for to carry me home,
But still my soul feels heavenly bound.
Coming for to carry me home.(refrain)

If I get there before you do,
Coming for to carry me home,
I'll cut a hole and pull you through.
Coming for to carry me home.(refrain)

If you get there before I do,
Coming for to carry me home,
Tell all my friends I'm coming too.
Coming for to carry me home.(refrain)

Anthem

Be Who You Are

Chancel Choir

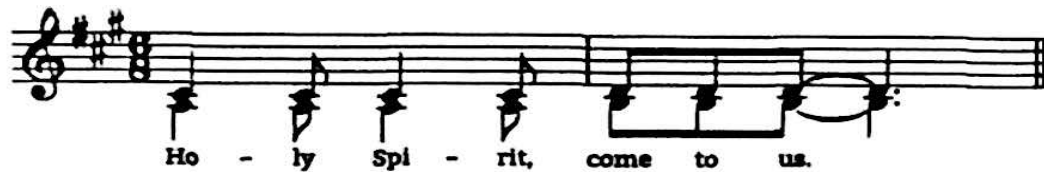
By Ryan Main

A Fresh Word

Taize

Congregation

Reflective Singing **"Holy Spirit Come to Us"**
J. Berthier



Prayers of the Church

Rev. Joe Dressler

(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.

Solo

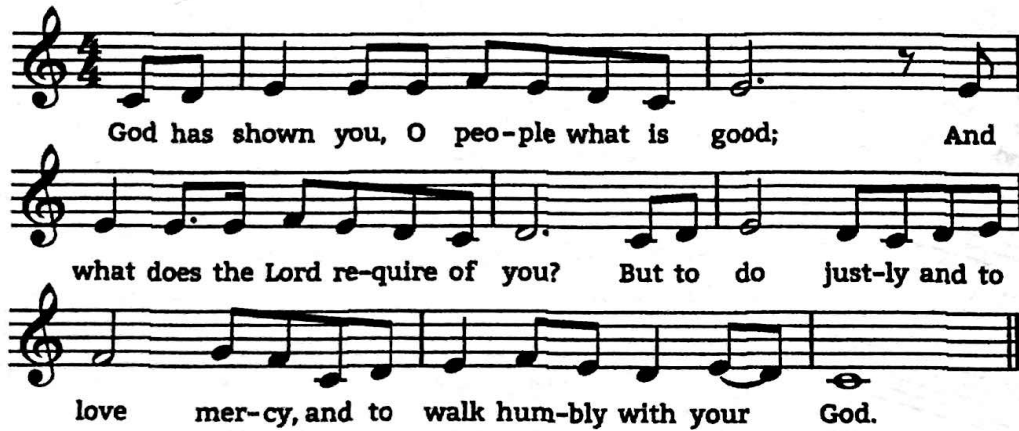
Almost There
By Randy Newman from *The Princess and the Frog*

Thalia Moore, Soprano

Offertory

Christine Roy

Song of Thanksgiving • "Micah 6:8"



God has shown you, O peo-ple what is good; And
what does the Lord re-quire of you? But to do just-ly and to
love mer-cy, and to walk hum-bly with your God.

Prayer of Dedication

Christine Roy

Scripture

Nehemiah 8:9b-10,12

Christine Roy

“This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord, and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Benediction

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Postlude

Oh When The Saints
African American Spiritual

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