

# **iucc** Irvine United Congregational Church

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Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

March 5, 2023 • 9:30am

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

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**Prelude**

***Songs Without Words Op. 19 No.2***

**Yuyoung Jeong, piano**

By Mendelssohn

**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**

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**Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano**

**Gong**

**Introit**

***O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns***

**Chancel Choir**

by Bradford Gray Webster

**Call to Worship**

**Myrna Bohan**

One: On this Lenten journey, today we become mindful of our language.

**Many: Our words can heal and our words can harm.**

One: We recognize that no one is perfect in their speech.

**Many: We acknowledge when we fall short, saying gently, progress not perfection.**

One: Words are powerful!

**Many: May we come to fully understand this power in shaping ourselves, our community, and our world.**

One: Jesus was a man impeccable with his words.

**Many: We will strive during Lent to model this accepting, compassionate, and loving language.**

**All: We are on a covenantal journey towards God, towards ourselves, and towards each other.**

Hymn

***Just as I Am***

Congregation

By Charlotte Elliott (NCH 207, v.1,2,4)

Just as I am,  
without one plea but that your blood was shed for me,  
And that you called inviting,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am,  
though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am,  
your love unknown has broken every barrier down;  
Now to be yours, and yours alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

**A Fresh Word**

Anthem

***Be the Change***

Chancel Choir

By Jacob Narverud

Taize

Congregation

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



**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.

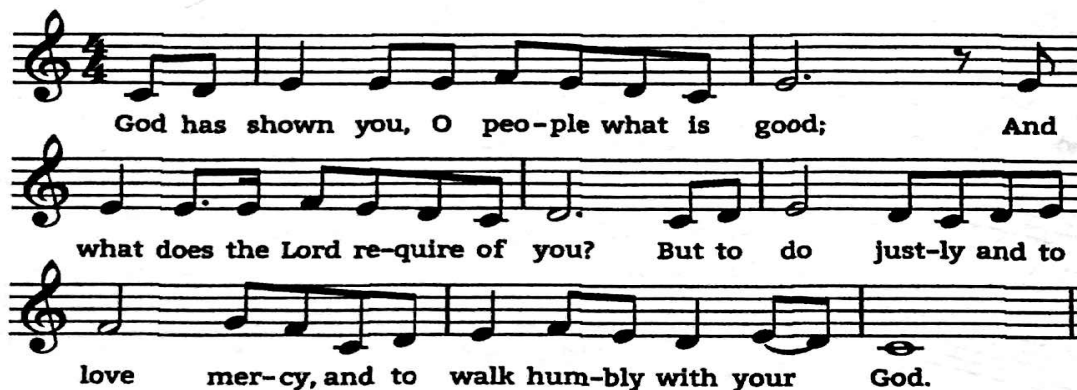
Give us this day our daily bread.

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.

**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

Myrna Bohan

Scripture

*Proverbs 18:21*

Myrna Bohan

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it and indulge it will eat its fruit and bear the consequences of their words.

***Ephesians 4:29***

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as it is good for building up, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Sermon

*The Power of Language and the First Agreement*

Craig Tyrl

Communion Invitation

Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Communion Music

*One Bread, One Body*

Dr. Chris Peterson

by John B. Foley

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.  
 (refrain)

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**

**Congregation**

**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**

**Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano**

**Response**

***Alleluia***

**Congregation**

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

**Postlude**

***Songs Without Words Op. 19 No.4***

**Yuyoung Jeong, piano**

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