

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

March 19, 2023 • 9:30am

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Prelude *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* Yuyoung Jeong, piano
arranged by Don Phillips

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

Gong

Introit *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross* Chancel Choir
By Fanny Crosby

Call to Worship Maria Carrillo

One: The Lenten journey continues as we gather together once more.

Many: Creator God, we seek a covenant of the heart. A covenant with you, with ourselves, and with each other.

One: Our 40 day journey began Ash Wednesday.

Many: From the Earth we were born, and to the Earth we return. May we never forget the preciousness of life.

One: Jesus was called to a new way of living, baptized by John, the voice crying out in the wilderness.

Many: We too are called to a life change, a common sense reordering of our lives.

One: Jesus then retired to the Wilderness where he faced temptation.

Many: In the wilderness, we sit alone with our discomfort. We pray! We fast! We encounter God!

All: The journey continues. Help us God, to remove the spiritual obstacles within us most fully experience the Easter promise soon approaching.

Hymn

Before Your Cross, O Jesus
New Century Hymnal # 191 (v.1,2,3)

Congregation

Before your cross, O Jesus, our lives are judged today;
the meaning of our eager strife is tested by your way.
Across our restless living, the light streams from your cross,
and by its clear, revealing beams, we measure gain and loss.

The hopes that lead us onward, the fears that hold us back,
our will to dare great things for God, the courage that we lack,
The faith we keep in goodness, our love as low or pure,
on all, the judgment of the cross, falls steady, clear and sure.

Yet humbly, in our striving, we rise to face its test.
We crave the power to do your will, as since you did it best.
On us let now the healing of your great Spirit fall,
and make us brave and full of joy, to answer to your call.

A Fresh Word

Anthem

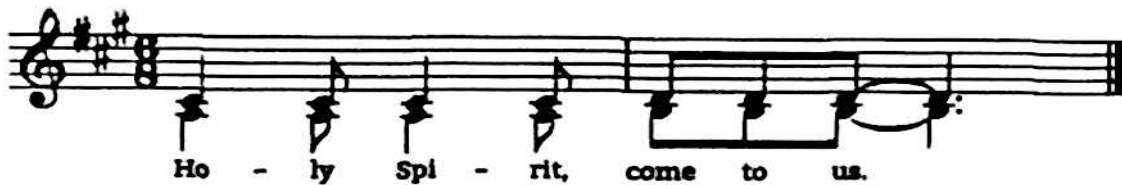
Kyrie, "Mass in G"
By Franz Schubert

Chancel Choir

Taize

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



Prayers of the Church

Rev. Jerry von Talge

(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.

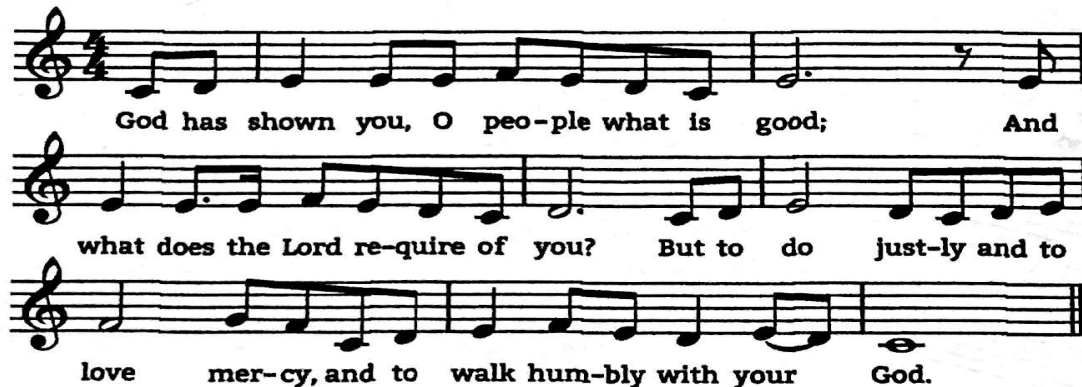
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory Call
Great Hour of Sharing (please mark in memo or envelope)

Maria Carrillo

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

Maria Carrillo

Scripture

Mark 1:1-10

Maria Carrillo

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight," John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Sermon

Forgiveness and the Third Agreement

Craig TyrI
Administrative Pastor

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Response

Alleluia

Congregation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

By Jerry Sinclair

Postlude

Once To Every Man and Nation

Yuyoung Jeong, piano

arranged by Mark Hayes

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