

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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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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Centering

Thalia Moore

The Lenten Journey

As Lent continues, our journey does too
In this time of reflection, our lives we renew,
our commitment to living a life full of grace
and letting go of things that bind us in place.

This journey is one of self-discovery,
of facing our fears, and unlocking mystery,
Of embracing change and shedding old skin
to decide which agreements we want to live in.

Our journey continues, as we explore,
Spirit among us, invite us to more...

Singing

Standing on the Side of Love

By Jason Shelton

The promise of the Spirit:
Faith, hope and love abide.
And so every soul is blessed and made whole;
The truth in our hearts is our guide.

We are standing on the side of love:
Hands joined together as hearts beat as one.
Emboldened by faith,
we dare to proclaim we are standing on the side of love. (refrain)

Sometimes we build a barrier,
To keep love tightly bound.
Corrupted by fear, unwilling to hear,
Denying the beauty we've found.

Refrain

A bright new day is dawning,
When love will not divide.
Reflections of grace in every embrace,
Fulfilling the vision divine.

Refrain

Playing

Fresh Word

Joining

New Members Reception: Katerina Beck

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 Member:

I now join with you to trust and celebrate God's love.

Congregation:

**We are committed to a daily endeavor to let God's spirit re-mold our lives from within.
Will you join us in this endeavor?**

New Member:

I 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 Member:

I will. I entrust to you both my needs and my 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 open 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.**

Praying

Craig Tyrl

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

By 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

By 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

Ephesians 4:14-16, 31-32

We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.... Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Learning

The Reverend Dr. Halverson-Cano

Sending

Carry the Light

By 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
Don't Take It Personally
By The Academic

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