

# **iucc** Irvine United Congregational Church

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**EARTH DAY**

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## **Gathering**

### ***Come, Now is the Time to Worship***

By 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 are 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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## **Singing**

### ***De Colores***

Mexican Folk Song

De colores! De colores se visten los campos en la primavera.  
De colores! De colores son los pajaritos que vienen de a fuera.  
De colores, de colores es el arco iris que vemos salir,  
Y por eso los grandes amores de muchos colores me gustan a mi,  
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Sing of colors! Sing of colors that over the hills in profusion are singing.  
Sing of colors! Of the birds that fly outside my window  
Their canticles singing. Sing of colors,  
In the rainbow's bright colors God's promise of hope we recall;  
Sing of colors that make up the earth  
And give thanks to the God that created us all;  
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Sing, rejoicing! Every creature that breathes raise a song  
To the God of creation.  
Sing, rejoicing! Sing to God who so earnestly cares,  
Who has offered creation. Sing the good news!  
Sing the love of Creator reflecting the colors of all.  
Many colors that shine from God's face,  
Many colors that tell us God's love to recall.  
Many colors that shine from God's face,  
Many colors that tell us God's love to recall.

## **Centering**

**Jaime Reza**

Whether we live near mountains or in the prairies—  
We are one in Creation.  
Whether our winters are balmy or our summers are cool—  
We are one in Creation.  
Whether we live near the Atlantic, Pacific, or Arctic Ocean or somewhere in the middle—  
We are one in Creation.  
Whether we live in urban dwellings, nestled in the suburbs, or surrounded by a rural landscape—  
We are one in Creation.  
In a spirit of unity, caring for each other and the whole of creation—  
We are one.

## **Playing**

**Fresh Word**

**Praying**  
**Craig Tyrl**  
**Administrative Pastor IUCC**

***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**  
***Job 14:7-9***

“For there is hope for a tree, if it is cut down, that it will sprout again,  
and that its shoots will not cease. Though its root grows old in the earth,  
and its stump dies in the ground, yet at the scent of water it will bud  
and put forth branches like a young plant.

***Daniel 4:11–12***

The tree grew great and strong, its top reached to heaven, and it was visible  
to the ends of the whole earth. Its foliage was beautiful, its fruit abundant,  
and it provided food for all. The animals of the field found shade under it,  
the birds of the air nested in its branches, and from it all living beings were fed.

**Learning**  
**Rev. Dr. Sarah 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

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