

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

November 12, 2023 • 11:15am

**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**

---

## **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 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.

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.

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.

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.

Come, come, come!

## **Singing**

### ***This Little Light***

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine!

Christ's among us, shining bright, (with)  
Hearts so full of love and light. (they)  
Share their bread and make a stand,  
Guiding us with helping hands. (with)  
Open hearts, they give their all,  
Hearing God's all-loving call.  
Showing us how we may live,  
Learning how to freely give! (chorus)

You know we can be the change,  
In this world so wide and strange.  
With Christ's love, we'll find the way, To  
Make a brighter, better day.  
Let us all join hand in hand,  
Spreading love across the land. With  
Hope and justice in this space, We'll  
Shine our light in every place.

This little light of mine, We're gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, We're gonna let it shine,  
Christ's among us, let us be, The  
Love of Christ for all to see.  
Walking humbly in your sight  
Together we can shine your light!  
Walking humbly in your sight  
Together we can shine your light!

## **Centering**

### **JOY DORKO**

We gather today to celebrate our gifts.

We are celebrating the gifts we give to this church, the pledges we are making for the upcoming year.

We gather today to celebrate our community.

We are celebrating the love and support that we give to one another; the constant quest to seek justice, share in kindness, and walk humbly with God.

We gather today to celebrate our past, present and future!

We celebrate a proud history of coming together to stand up and speak out, creating community thankful we have found like minds and hearts to work together to manifest God's kin-dom, a present filled with Christ's among us who give of themselves to make this world a better place, and a future full of outreach, a future full of service, a future full of growth and a future full of love. We celebrate with gratitude and hopefulness!

Come, let us gather and celebrate, to shine our light and live God's love! Christ's among us shine!

## **Playing**

**Fresh Word**

## **Stewarding**

**Dr. Duane Vajgrt, Co-Chair Stewardship  
Christ Among Us Video**

## **Praying**

**Craig Tyrl MFA, MA**

***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**

***2 Corinthians 9:6-8***

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

## **Learning**

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

## **Blessing of the Pledges**

**Pastor Sarah**

**Sending**  
**Pastor Sarah**  
***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**

---

*Music reprinted under CCLI License #2783305 or OneLicense #A-709940.  
Video clips shown under CVLI License #504399168.*

---

### **Our Staff**

Senior Pastor  
Administrative Pastor  
Director of Music  
Accompanist  
Early Childhood Director  
Bookkeeper

Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano  
Craig TyrI, MA, MFA  
Dr. Chris Peterson  
Yuyoung Jeong  
Irma Rosales  
Heidi Willcox

[PastorSarah@iucc.org](mailto:PastorSarah@iucc.org)  
[craig@iucc.org](mailto:craig@iucc.org)  
[chris@iucc.org](mailto:chris@iucc.org)  
[yyoungjeong@gmail.com](mailto:yyoungjeong@gmail.com)  
[irma@iucc.org](mailto:irma@iucc.org)  
[heidi@iucc.org](mailto:heidi@iucc.org)



**Irvine United Congregational Church**

4915 Alton Parkway, Irvine CA 92604

949-733-0220