

iucc Irvine United Congregational Church

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

January 14, 2024 • 9:30am

MARTIN LUTHER KING SUNDAY

Prelude

Yuyoung Jeong, piano

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

I Want to Be Ready

Chancel Choir

arr. J. Jefferson Cleveland and Verolga Nix.

Call to Worship

Lester Ricks

One: We gather in the spirit of love and unity, as we recognize the profound impact of a dream and the journey toward justice.

Many: We gather seeking to be a diverse and inclusive community, embracing the call to justice that resounds through the ages.

One: In the words of Dr. King, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." Let us join together in the light of love, seeking justice and peace for all.

Many: May our hearts be open, our minds attentive, and our spirits stirred as we embark on this journey of remembrance, reflection, and commitment.

One: Let our remembrance call us to action in the present struggle for justice, and let the life of Dr. King whose faithful response to Jesus inspired him, inspire us to work towards creating a world where all are treated with dignity and respect.

Many: May the love that transcends boundaries, unite us as one human family.

All: With hearts attuned to the rhythms of justice, compassion, and equality, we gather to be the Beloved Community. Amen.

Hymn

We Shall Overcome
New Century Hymnal # 570 (v. 1,2,3,6)

Congregation

We shall overcome.
We shall overcome.
We shall overcome some day;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
we shall overcome some day.

We'll go hand in hand.
We'll go hand in hand.
We'll go hand in hand some day; (refrain)

We are not afraid.
We are not afraid.
We are not afraid today; (refrain)

We shall live in peace.
We shall live in peace.
We shall live in peace some day. (refrain)

A Fresh Word

Anthem

Like a Mighty Stream
by Moses Hogan and John Jacobsen

Chancel Choir

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



Prayers of the Church

Rev. Dr. Jerry von Talge

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.

Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing
New Century Hymnal # 593 (v. 1, 3)

Congregation

Lift ev'ry voice and sing,
 till earth and heaven ring,
 ring with the harmonies of liberty.
 Let our rejoicing rise
 high as the list'ning skies,
 let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
 Sing a song full of the faith that the harsh past has taught us.
 Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
 Facing the rising sun
 of our new day begun,
 let us march on till victory is won.

God of our weary years,
 God of our silent tears,
 God who hast brought us thus far on the way,
 God who hast by your might
 led us into the light,
 keep us forever in the path, we pray.
 Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
 lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, forget you;
 shadowed beneath your hand,
 may we forever stand,
 true to our God, true to our native land.

Offertory Call

Lester Ricks

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

Lester Ricks

Scripture

Amos 5:21-24

Lester Ricks

I hate, I despise your festivals,
 and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Sermon	<i>Peacefire</i>	Rev. William Summerville
Benediction		Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano
Response	<i>Alleluia</i>	Congregation
	Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! (Repeat)	
Postlude		Yuyoung Jeong, piano

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