



Irvine United Congregational Church
An Open & Affirming, Just Peace, Global Mission, Creation Justice,
Congregation of the United Church of Christ
January 21, 2024 • 9:30am
Welcome Rejoicers—Peppermint Ridge Choir

Prelude *Once to Every Man and Nation* **Yuyoung Jeong, piano**
arr. Mark Hayes

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 *Peace Like a River* **The Rejoicers**
African American Spiritual

Call to Worship **Maria Carrillo**

One: The breath of God stirred the ocean

Many: And the Spirit moved in deep waters.

One: The River of Life flowed with a cleansing wash,

Many: And the Baptist cupped his hands and dipped.

One Swirling from the heavens above, the dove descended.

Many: And God's voice whispered, "Beloved."

All: Into the waters we dive again, immersed in the love of our God

Hymn *Wade in the Water* **Congregation**
African American Spiritual

Wade in the water.
Wade in the water, children.
Wade in the water.
God's a going to trouble the water. (repeat)

See those people dressed in white,
God's a going to trouble the water;
They look like the children of the Israelites,
God's a going to trouble the water.

See those people dressed in red,
God's gonna to trouble the water;
Must be the children that Moses led,
God's a going to trouble the water.

Look over yonder, what do I see?
God's gonna to trouble the water;
Holy Ghost a coming on me,
God's a going to trouble the water.

If you don't believe I've been redeemed,
God's gonna to trouble the water;
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream,
God's a going to trouble the water.

A Fresh Word

New Member Reception

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?

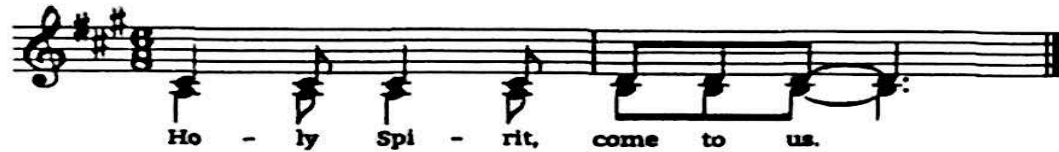
New Member: I commit to grow with you.

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.

Reflective Singing **"Holy Spirit Come to Us"**
J. Berthier**Prayers of the Church**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

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

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*Matthew 3:13-17*

Maria Carrillo

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.

John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Benediction

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Response

Alleluia

Congregation

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

(Repeat)

Postlude

When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

Yuyoung Jeong, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

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