

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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FAT SUNDAY

Prelude **Way Down Yonder in New Orleans** **Bourbon Street Dixie Band**

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 **When the Saints Go Marching In** **Chancel Choir**
arr. by Chris Nole

Call to Worship **Renae Boyum**

One: March on in, you Saints, one and all!

Many: With exuberance we joyfully embrace the colors of green, gold, and purple alive in our Fat Sunday celebration!

One: In the color green, we find the symbol of justice – a call to cultivate a world where righteousness and equality flow like a river.

Many: In justice, we find our purpose; in green, we see the promise of a world transformed.

One: The color gold speaks to the essence of our faith – a comfort and a challenge, a practice and a steady companion: the light that illuminates our way.

Many: As we bask in the golden glow of this day, let our faith be a beacon, guiding us through the challenges and illuminating the path towards a more compassionate and inclusive world.

One: The regal color purple represents the power that resides within us – not the power that dominates, but the power that empowers, uplifts, and transforms.

Many: Let us embrace this royal hue with humility, recognizing that true power is found in service and love. In power, we discover our potential; in purple, we see the royalty of our shared humanity.

All: Together, in the dance of green, gold, and purple, let us celebrate with joy, and in our celebration, may justice, faith, and power weave together, creating a tapestry of love that transcends all boundaries.

Hymn

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Congregation

African American Spiritual

Swing low, sweet chariot,
Coming for to carry me home,
Swing low, sweet chariot,
Coming for to carry me home.
I looked over Jordan, and what did I see,
Coming for to carry me home?
A band of angels coming after me,
Coming for to carry me home. (refrain)
Sometimes I'm up, and sometimes I'm down,
Coming for to carry me home,
But still my soul feels heavenly bound.
Coming for to carry me home.(refrain)
If I get there before you do,
Coming for to carry me home,
I'll cut a hole and pull you through.
Coming for to carry me home.(refrain)
If you get there before I do,
Coming for to carry me home,
Tell all my friends I'm coming too.
Coming for to carry me home.(refrain)

A Fresh Word

Anthem

He Never Failed Me Yet

Chancel Choir

by Robert Ray

Taize

Congregation

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



**Prayers of the Church
Music**

Nearer My God to Thee

**Rev. Dr. Jerry von Tagle
Bourbon Street Dixie Band**

(concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

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
Offertory Music**

Lonesome Road

**Renae Boyum
Bourbon Street Dixie Band**

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

Renae Boyum

Scripture

Luke 14:12-24

Renae Boyum

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, "Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" Then Jesus said to him, "Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.' Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.' Another said, 'I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.' So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the

lame.’ And the slave said, ‘Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.’ Then the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.’”

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Benediction

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Postlude

When the Saints Go Marching In

Bourbon Street Dixie Band

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