PUCC Irvine United Congregational Church

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

> March 03, 2024 • 9:30am Third Sunday of Lent

Prelude		Sing, My Tongue, The Glorious Battle 14th Century Plainsong	le Yuyoung Jeong, piano
Gathering Song		As We Gather by Coomes & Fay	Congregation
	As we gather ma Knowing well tha	y your Spirit work within us y we glorify your name t as our hearts begin to worship because we came	
Welco	me	iucc.org/visitor	Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano
Gong			
Introit		When Jesus Wept New Century Hymnal #192	Chancel Choir
Call to	Worship		Lesli Mitchell
	One: Sojourners of faith, wandering hearts, the Lenten road has led us here to pause along our way,		
	Many: Here we come with our questions, our doubts; our faith expanding, deepening,		
	growing, as our journey continues.		
	One: We follow the one who followed the one.		
	Many: In the footsteps of Peter, we follow Jesus, finding ourselves in him as we walk		
	his path.		
	One: A rock, a stumbling block. He is the essence of our faith, the everyman, the chosen man.		
	Many: Like Peter, we seek to answer the questions that surround us, the questions in		
	our own minds. Who is Jesus? And who are we to him?		

All: Holy One, guide our wandering hearts, inspired by Peter's authentic journey: to step out even as we stumble to follow the way of Jesus embracing the transformative power of love, compassion, and justice.

by Anna Stricklan and Lowell Mason

Here at the peak I clearly see All of the pieces you've laid out And in this brief though timeless peace Such clarity occludes my doubts Here I proclaim the truths I know Beyond the knowledge of this world Truths planted deep within my bones Brought to the light as gold unearthed Here my Creator stands enfleshed Infinite glory here contained Humble and rugged, simply dressed Savior of all on earth to reign Here at the peak you clearly name Who you created me to be Identified not by my shame But by the gifts you gave to me

A Fresh Word

Anthem

How Can I Keep From Singing by Robert Lowry, arr. Bradley Ellingboe **Chancel Choir**

Taize

Congregation



Prayers of the Church

(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.

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Offertory Music Co

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Lesli Mitchell

Jenna Hansen



Prayer of Dedication

Lesli Mitchell Lesli Mitchell

Scripture

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Sermon

Communion Invitation

Communion Music

One Bread, One Body by John B. Foley

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Dr. Chris Peterson

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord. (refrain)

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more. (Refrain) Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. (Refrain) Grain for the field, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all (Refrain) For love shared and hope renewed, for promises remembered and Christs among us, for the feasts of this life and those to come, we give you thanks, O God. Send us forth to reconcile and make new, praising life in the midst of death, bearing hope on angels' wings, and giving thanks always and everywhere that life is precious beyond all telling. Alleluia and Amen.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Response

Alleluia

Congregation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! (Repeat)

Postlude

The King of Love My Shepherd Is by John Bacchus Dykes Yuyoung Jeong, piano

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