

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

April 21, 2024 • 9:30am

**EARTH DAY**

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**Prelude**

**Yuyoung Jeong, piano**

**Gathering Song**

***As We Gather***  
by Coomes & Fay

**Congregation**

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**

***Let There Be Peace On Earth***  
by Sy Miller

**Chancel Choir**

**Call to Worship**

**Maria Carrillo**

One: Whether we live near mountains or in the prairies—

**Many: We are one in Creation.**

One: Whether our winters are balmy or our summers are cool—

**Many: We are one in Creation.**

One: Whether we live near the Atlantic, Pacific, or Arctic Ocean or somewhere in the middle—

**Many: We are one in Creation.**

One: Whether we live in urban dwellings, nestled in the suburbs, or surrounded by a rural landscape—

**Many: We are one in Creation.**

One: In a spirit of unity, caring for each other and the whole of creation—

**All: We are one.**

**Hymn**

***For the Beauty of the Earth***

**Congregation**

New Century Hymnal #28 (v.1,2,3,4)

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the splendor of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies.  
God of all, to you we raise,  
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light,  
God of all, to you we raise,  
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
God of all, to you we raise,  
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the good that love inspires,  
for a world where none exclude,  
For a faith that never tires,  
and for every heart renewed.  
God of all, to you we raise,  
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

**A Fresh Word**

**Earth Day Testimonial**

**Patty Oh, Cool OC, Irvine**

**Anthem**

***Be the Change***  
by Laura Farnell

**Chancel Choir**

**Taize**

**Congregation**

**Prayers of the Church**

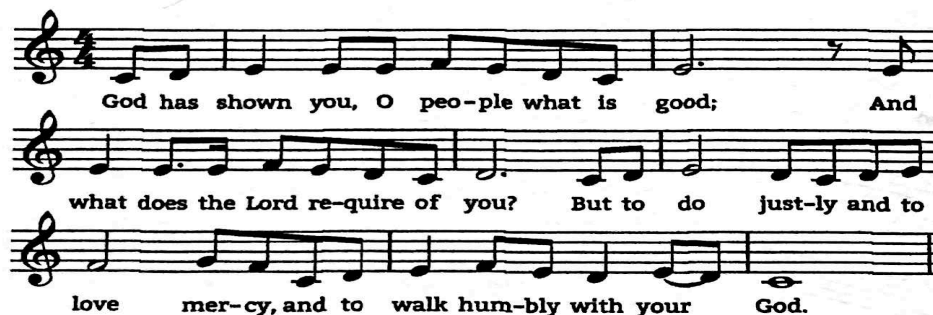
**Rev. Dr. Jerry von Talge**

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.

**Offertory Call**

**Maria Carrillo**

**Song of Thanksgiving • "Micah 6:8"**



**Prayer of Dedication**

**Maria Carrillo**

**Scripture**

**Job 14:7-9**

**Maria Carrillo**

“For there is hope for a tree, if it is cut down, that it will sprout again,  
and that its shoots will not cease. Though its root grows old in the earth,  
and its stump dies in the ground, yet at the scent of water it will bud  
and put forth branches like a young plant.

**Daniel 4:11–12**

The tree grew great and strong, its top reached to heaven, and it was visible  
to the ends of the whole earth. Its foliage was beautiful, its fruit abundant,  
and it provided food for all. The animals of the field found shade under it,  
the birds of the air nested in its branches, and from it all living beings were fed.

**Sermon**

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

**Benediction**

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**Response**

**Alleluia**

**Congregation**

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

[Repeat]

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