

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

November 12, 2023 • 9:30am

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Prelude

More Love to Thee

Yuyoung Jeong, piano

arranged by Carol Tornquist

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

Be the Change

Chancel Choir

by Marc Kaplin and Colin Britt, words attrib. to Mahatma Gandhi

Call to Worship

Cesar Sangalang

One: We gather today to celebrate our gifts.

Many: We are celebrating the gifts we give to this church, the pledges we are making for the upcoming year.

One: We gather today to celebrate our community.

Many: We are celebrating the love and support that we give to one another; the constant quest to seek justice, share in kindness, and walk humbly with God.

One: We gather today to celebrate our past, present and future!

Many: We celebrate a proud history of coming together to stand up and speak out, creating community, thankful we have found like minds and hearts to work together to manifest God's kin-dom, a present filled with Christs among us who give of themselves to make this world a better place, and a future full of outreach, a future full of service, a future full of growth and a future full of love. We celebrate with gratitude and hopefulness!

One: Come, let us gather and celebrate, to shine our light and live God's love!

All: Christs among us shine!

Hymn***The Fire of Commitment*****Congregation**

by Mary Katherine Morn, and Jason Shleton

From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear.
Guiding hands and hearts and spirits into faith set free from fear.

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze.
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way.
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free,
Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty. (chorus)

From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice,
Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice. (chorus)
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A Fresh Word**Stewardship Song*****This Little Light*****Congregation**

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine!

Christs among us, shining bright, (with)
Hearts so full of love and light. (they)
Share their bread and make a stand,
Guiding us with helping hands. (with)
Open hearts, they give their all,
Hearing God's all-loving call.
Showing us how we may live,
Learning how to freely give! (chorus)

You know we can be the change,
In this world so wide and strange.
With Christ's love, we'll find the way, To
Make a brighter, better day.
Let us all join hand in hand,
Spreading love across the land. With
Hope and justice in this space, We'll
Shine our light in every place.

This little light of mine, We're gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, We're gonna let it shine,
Christs among us, let us be, The
Love of Christ for all to see.
Walking humbly in your sight
Together we can shine your light!
Walking humbly in your sight
Together we can shine your light!

Stewardship Moment

Dr. Duane Vajgrt, Co-Chair Stewardship

Christs Among Us Video

Anthem

Ad Astra (To the Stars)

Chancel Choir

by Jacob Narverud

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



Prayers of the Church

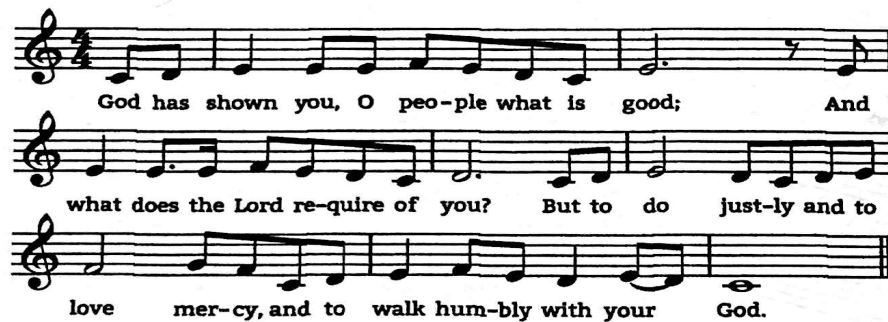
Chaplain Richard Davenport

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

Cesar Sangalang

Song of Thanksgiving • "Micah 6:8"



Prayer of Dedication

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Scripture

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

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Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Blessing of the Pledges

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Benediction

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Response

Alleluia

Congregation

by Jerry Sinclair

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

Postlude

For the Beauty of the Earth

Yuyoung Jeong, piano

arranged by Carol Tornquist)

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