

iucc Irvine United Congregational Church
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Congregation of the United Church of Christ
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Prelude

young Jeong, piano

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

My Favorite Things

Chancel Choir

The Sound of Music by Rogers & Hammerstein, adapted by Craig Tyril

Call to Worship

Alex Ingal

One: As we savor our favorite dishes and tuck away the Thanksgiving leftovers,
Many: Let the spirit of gratitude become a favorite companion in our daily lives.

One: The Advent season is just around the corner, bringing with it our favorite decorations, foods, and traditions.
Many: As we anticipate Advent, let's remember the joy, peace, hope, and love that make each moment a favorite.

One: Today, we celebrate our favorite people, places, and things!
Many: We find joy in the diversity of our tastes, interests, and passions, recognizing that no two favorites are exactly alike.

One: Together, we lift high our IUCC community, a favorite place for so many—past, present, and future!
Many: In this shared space, we find collective favorites that bind us together.

All: With voices lifted in thanksgiving, through our shared worship, we open ourselves to each other and to God. May love abound in us, through us, and with us, giving us eyes to see, ears to hear, and mouths to speak. Amen!

Hymn

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Renaë Boyum/Congregation

New Century Hymnal #286 (v. 1,3,4)
by James K. Manley

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing;
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” [refrain]

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. [refrain]

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. [refrain]

A Fresh Word

Anthem

Here Am I, Send Me

Dr. Chris Peterson/Chancel Choir

by John Purifoy

**Reflective Singing “Holy Spirit Come to Us”
J. Berthier**



Prayers of the Church

Rev. Dr. Jerry von Talge

(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

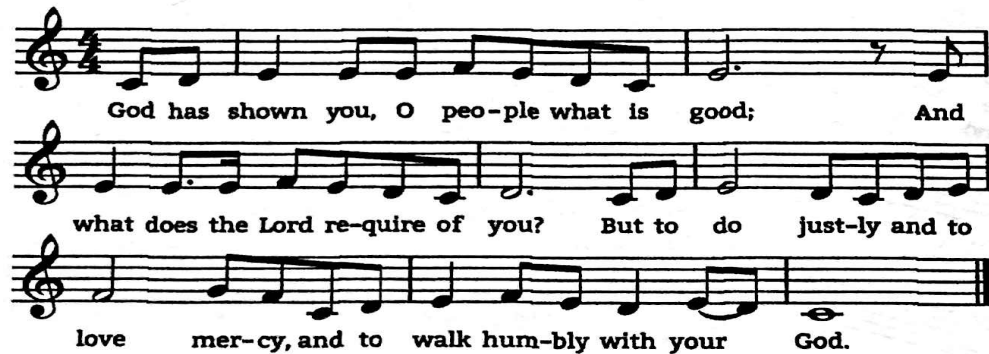
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Offertory Solo

Soliloquy
by John Work

Jamie Reza

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

Alex Ingal

Scripture

Luke 18:9-14

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To some of those believing in themselves that they are righteous and despising the rest, he said this parable:

“Two people went up to the Temple to pray, the one a Pharisee and the other, a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by/to himself, these (things) prayed, ‘O God, I give thanks to you that I am not like the rest of people, greedy, unrighteous, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast two times of the Sabbath each week; I give a tenth of whatever I acquire.’

“But the tax collector, at a distance standing, did not wish to raise the eyes to heaven, but he beat his breast, saying, “O god, be merciful to me, a sinner.’

“To you I say, descending to his house, this one if justified, alongside that one. Because everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Sermon

My Favorite Things—a parable, a pulpit, a place called IUCC

Craig TyrI

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Response

Alleluia

Congregation

by Jerry Sinclair

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

Postlude

Yuyoung Jeong, piano

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