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

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**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**

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**Prelude** *A Resting Place* Yuyoung Jeong, piano  
arr. Jay Rouse

**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](http://iucc.org/visitor) Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

**Gong**

**Introit** *Treasures in Heaven* Chancel Choir  
by Allen Potel

**Call to Worship** Keith Boyum

One: We strain our ears to hear Jesus' voice, we open our eyes to hope to catch a glimpse of Christ among us.

**Many: But Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world,**

One: Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good, yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.

**Many: Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.**

One: Christ has no body now but ours...

**Many: So, Christs among us shine the light, heal the hurting, make the peace, break the bread, give your hearts, and share the love.**

**All: For Christ has no body now but ours.**

*Adapted St. Teresa of Ávila*

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

Singing the Journey: by Mary Katherine Morn

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)

**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!

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Stewardship Moment

Bill Lawrence, Co-Chair Fund Development

Christs Among Us Video

Kathi Smith, Craig Tyrl, Jerri Davenport

Anthem

*By Our Love*

Chancel Choir

by Christy Nockels, arr. May McDonald

**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.

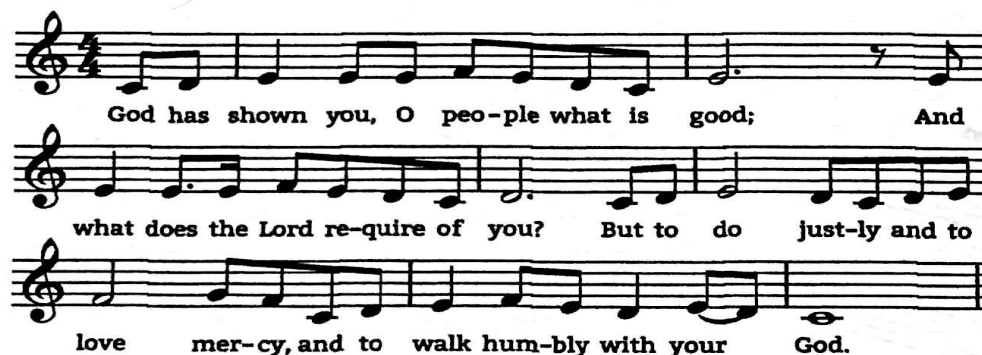
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory Call

Keith Boyum

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



Prayer of Dedication

Keith Boyum

Scripture

*Matthew 25:35-45*

Keith Boyum

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'

**Sermon**

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

**Benediction**

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**Response**

**Alleluia**

**Congregation**

by Jerry Sinclair

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

**Postlude**

***The Church's One Foundation***

**Yuyoung Jeong, piano**

arr. James Koerts

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