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October 29, 2023 • 9:30am

SPOOKY SUNDAY

Prelude *Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy* Yuyoung Jeong, piano
by Pyotr Il'yich from The Nutcracker

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 Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Gong

Introit *The Addams Family Theme* Chancel Choir
by Vic Mizzy

Call to Worship Jon Ingal

One: Night comes early. We shiver as twilight creeps upon us. Darkness surrounds us.
Doom and gloom set in.

Many: God, we know your light shines brighter in the midnight of our lives.

One: Fear wraps its poisonous fangs paralyzing our progress forward

Many: God, we know your love casts out fear.

One: We set our jaw and face our fear striking out on a path less traveled. We know another way is possible.

Many: God, we know we are not alone for you are always with us.

All: May your love shine in and through the Christs among us to illuminate our way through these dark nights leading us out of the nightmare and into the light.

Amber Mattingly/ adapted Halverson-Cano

Hymn***You Are My Hiding Place***

by Michael Ledner/Psalm 32:7

Congregation

You are my hiding place,
you always fill my heart with songs of deliverance.
Whenever I am afraid,
I will trust in you.
I will trust in you;
let the weak say,
I am strong in the strength of my God.

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!

Christ's 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,
Christ's 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**Daniel Blackburn and Lauren Louie****Christ's Among Us Video****Martha Mecartney, Chris Peterson, Craig Tyril**

And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit; he opened the shaft of the bottomless pit, and from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft. Then from the smoke came locusts on the earth, and they were given authority like the authority of scorpions of the earth.

They were allowed to torment them for five months but not to kill them, and the agony suffered was like that caused by a scorpion when it stings someone. And in those days people will seek death but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will flee from them.

In appearance the locusts were like horses equipped for battle. On their heads were what looked like crowns of gold; their faces were like human faces, their hair like women's hair, and their teeth like lions' teeth; they had scales like iron breastplates, and the noise of their wings was like the noise of many chariots with horses rushing into battle. They have tails like scorpions, with stingers, and in their tails is their power to harm people for five months.

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| Sermon | | Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano |
| Benediction | | Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano |
| Response | Alleluia by Jerry Sinclair | Congregation |
| | Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! | |
| Postlude | <i>In the Hall of the Mountain King</i> by Edvard Grieg from Peer Gynt | Yuyoung Jeong, piano |

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