The Second Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2017



Sayville Congregational

United Church of Christ

*Meditation*

“Desiderata” (excerpt) by Max Ehrman

“Go placidly amid the noise and haste,

and remember what peace there may be in silence.

As far as possible without surrender

be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly;

and listen to others…”

**Welcome**

**The Bell is Rung**

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship (Adapted from Amos 9:14-15)**

God says, “The lives of my people will be restored,

all things broken will be restored and shared freely.

Never again will my people be plucked up

out of the land I have given them.”

Come, let us worship together this God of Justice and Love,

today, in the Kindom of God which is, indeed, at hand.

\***Processional** NCH #3 *Wakantanka Taku Nitawa*

Many and Great O God, Are Your Works

\***Unison** **Prayer**

**Many and great, O God, are your works,**

**maker of earth and sky, maker of us,**

**all of us - gathered here and elsewhere.**

**Flow through this place and this world**

**with your love and presence.**

**Guide us closer to you and the next right thing to do.**

*A moment of silence follows.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Wonderful One, we know that your steadfast love never fails us and that your forgiveness was received long ago, surpassed only by your love. Let us hear and embrace your voice; bless us in ways that reveal the Kindom that is with us now, filling us with the joy that you have for all of us share. “Please,” we pray, for these things and more. Amen.

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**First Reading Psalm 121; A so*ng of Ascents*** From the NRSV

I lift my eyes to the hills—  
    from where will my help come?  
My help comes from God,  
    who made heaven and earth.

God will not let your foot be moved;  
    God who keeps you will not slumber.  
God who keeps Israel  
    will neither slumber nor sleep.

God is your keeper;  
    your shade at your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day,  
    nor the moon by night.

God will keep you from all evil;  
    God will keep your life.  
The Almighty will keep  
    your going out and your coming in  
    from this time on and forevermore.

*A short moment for reflection…*

**Gospel Reading** **John 3:1 – 8** Aramaic English New Testament

Yochanan/John; Judeans/Yehudeans; Jesus/Y’shua; God/Elohim

And there was a certain man from the Pharisees. His name was Niqodemus, a ruler of the Yehudeans. This man came to Y’shua at night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you were sent from Elohim, for a teacher is not able to do these miracles that you do, except one who Elohim is with.

Y’shua answered and said to him, “Amen, amen I say to you, that if a person is not born from the beginning[[1]](#footnote-1), that person is not able to see the Kindom of Elohim.”

Niqodemus said to him, “How is it possible to enter the womb of one’s mother a second time and be born?”

And Y’shua answered and said to him, “Amen, amen I say to you, that if a person is not born from water and spirit, that person is not able to enter into the Kindom of Elohim. The thing, which is born from flesh, is flesh, and the thing, which is born from spirit, is spirit. Do not marvel that I have said to you that it is necessary for you to be born from the beginning. The wind will blow where it desires, and you hear its voice. But you do not know from where it comes or to where it goes. Likewise is everyone who is born of the spirit.

*Here ends this morning’s readings.*

**Children’s Message**

**Musical Praise “***Have You Seen My Jesus?”*

**Sermon**

*A moment for reflection…*

**\* Hymn NCH #501 We Are Dancing Sarah’s Circle**

**Prayer for Others and Ourselves**

**The Lord's Prayer – The Prayer of Jesus** (Please say this prayer as you *know* it.)

**Choir Musical Praise “***Real Peace” Words & Music by James Ahrend*

**Invitation to Give**

Each United Church of Christ congregation pays its own bills, hires its own staff, and maintains its own facilities from the voluntary gifts of covenant members and friends. Our donations take many forms, supporting our spiritual and personal commitments to spread God's word in this community and beyond. Whether using easyTithe, our online giving program; sending donations directly from your financial institution; or choosing to place your offering in the collection plate – we are thankful for your participation in this mission. More than anything, though, we are most grateful that you are here.

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**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

**We praise thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;**

**in grateful devotion, our tribute we bring.**

**We lay it before thee, we come and adore thee,**

**We bless thy holy name, glad praises we sing. Amen.**

**Liturgist**

“This is a time for brief announcements, in case there are any we might have missed earlier. ”

\***Hymn** Shalom, Chaverim! Farewell Good Friends



**Benediction and Sending Forth**

**The Bell is Rung**

**Choral Blessing**

**Postlude**

**Announcements!**

***Today! All Church Luncheon  
Hosted by Lorraine Severin & Roberta Smits***

***Please join us!***

“A Talkback!” will follow after the luncheon if anyone is interested! All are welcome!

An easy way to support Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ

Stop & Shop Cards are available at coffee hour each week. They make great gifts and/or a great way to purchase your groceries while supporting your church.

Upcoming Calendar

Monday March 13th 11:45AM Bible Talk in the Vestry: John 4:5 – 15

Monday March 13th Noon Family Table Due in the Office

Monday March 13th 5:30 PM Having Friends Inn Outreach, Fellowship Hall

Monday March 13th 7:00 PM Sayville Congregational UCC Elders Meeting

Monday March 13th 7:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday March 14th 9:30 AM Senior Exercise in the Vestry

Tuesday March 14th 7:00 PM Bible Talk in the Vestry; John 4:5 – 15

Tuesday March 14th 5:30 PM Having Friends Inn Outreach

Wednesday March 15th 6:00 PM Choir Practice

Wednesday March 15th 5:30 PM Having Friends Inn Outreach

Wednesday March 15th 7:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Thursday March 16th 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Vestry

Thursday March 16th 12:15 PM Senior Exercise in the Vestry

Thursday March 16th 5:30 PM Having Friends Inn Outreach

Saturday March 18th 11:00 AM Twelve Step Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Monday March 20th 7:00 PM Sayville Congregational UCC Trustees Meeting

Saturday March 25th Family Table Distribution

Sunday April 2nd 11:30 AM Muslim Educational Forum/Talkback

**Newsletters**

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**Upcoming Events!**

Muslim Educational Forum Sunday, April 2, 2017 11:30 AM – 1:00PM,

with Sister Sanaa Nadim, Muslim Chaplain at Stony Brook University.This will conversation will take place during our Talkback time following worship. This is the beginning of a broader discussion to follow in the months ahead, as we learn more about the lives of our sisters and brothers who are Muslim and how we can grow together in the love of God we share. Sister Sanaa is a highly respected leader of the Long Island Interfaith community, and we are fortunate to have her with us for this informative gathering.  Please be sure to join us.

The Spirituality of Addiction & Recovery: The Music of Those Lost & Spared

Sunday, April 2, 2017 7:00 PM; Congregational Church of Patchogue, 95 East Main St; 631-475-1235 ($10 suggested donation but no one turned away for lack of money) Featuring music of: The Doors, Janis Joplin, Amy Winehouse, Jerry Garcia, Prince, Whitney Houston, Johnny Cash, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Phish, James Taylor, Eric Clapton & John Lennon. Proceeds support the outreach ministries of Congregational Church of Patchogue.

**Lenten, Passion Week and Easter Worship**

March 19 Third Sunday in Lent John 4:5 – 15

March 26 Fourth Sunday in Lent Psalm 23

April 2 Fifth Sunday in Lent Psalm 130 Communion Sunday

April 9 Palm Sunday Psalm 118; Matthew 21:1 – 11

April 13 Maundy Thursday 8:00 PM

Exodus 12: 1-10), 11-14; Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19

Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-25

April 14 Good Friday Sanctuary Open 11 AM – 4:00 PM

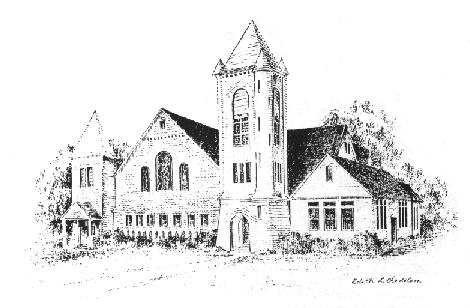
April 16 Easter Sunday Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

Sunrise Service Depart Sayville Ferry at 6:00 AM; Board 5:45 AM

Morning Service 10:00 AM - Sanctuary

**Hospitality Hosts, Greeters, Ushers, Projectionists Needed!**

Please sign up to assist in worship for Sundays throughout 2017 If you can help in any of these ways, please sign up on the in the hallway. Feel free to contact Sue Lanchantin to serve as an Usher or a Greeter.

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For more than a century and a half, Sayville's Congregational Church has served families on the South Shore and been a voice for the progressive Protestant tradition. A member of the United Church of Christ since it was established in 1957, today we continue to celebrate God's love, to speak for the oppressed, and to welcome those rejected by other churches. To learn about membership, please speak with any deacon.

**Music Director** Sean Cameron

**Greeter/Ushers** Sue Lanchantin, Kathy Leis

**Liturgist** Sylvia Ramsaywak

**Projection Slides** Kimberley Reiser

**Projectionist** Casey Cunningham

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*Thank you for being with us today.*

*Peace. Shalom. Salaam. For the ways of peace are many.*

*“Namaste”*

1. Literally “*from the start”* as Adam who was born into perfection without sin. This refers to the Ruach haKodesh (Holy Spirit) birthing the *“image of Elohim”* (perfection) into the *Neshama* (spirit of human). The term “born again” can be rather misleading as though being born once more, or a “rebirth” rather than experiencing the indwelling of the perfection of YHWH. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)