

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**

**Sunday, April 23, 2017**

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Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ

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**Call to Worship**

**Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:1-10**

*Leader*: The women go to the tomb at dawn and meet an angel who assures them there is nothing to fear. Go to Galilee and you’ll see him there.

***All*: Let us remember not to fear, God will be there.**

*Leader*: The women are still afraid, yet filled with joy when they see Jesus who also tries to calm their fears. “Don’t be frightened like that,” Jesus says.

***All*: Sometimes our fears can overwhelm and paralyze us. We need to trust that love and forgiveness exist even when there is nothing physical to cling to.**

*Leader*: Christ calls his disciples his brothers and wants to meet them in Galilee. Christ has forgiven the betrayal of his disciples and sends these women to assure them of his forgiveness and love.

***All*: Let us never forget that we too are forgiven and loved by God no matter what we have done. Let us accept and welcome God’s love with an open heart.**

*Leader*: Christ is risen!

***All*: Christ is risen! ALLELUIA!**

**Hymn: “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”**

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Mortal tongues and angels say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Let the Victor’s people sing, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!

Dying once, Christ lives to save, Alleluia!

Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Christ rise, Alleluia!

God has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

***Renewing our Faith***

***Distribution of stones***

***Silent Prayer***

***All toss stones into the sea***

***Lord’s Prayer***

***Distribution of flowers***

***Decoration of the Cross***

**Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:1-4**

Leader: The stone is gone. Christ is risen.

 Proclaim the Good News of eternal salvation!

**All: Let us be ready to greet the new day, to go into the world and proclaim the Good News.**

Leader: Christ came and taught us to love and forgive, stand up for what is right. He taught us to embrace life’s mysteries and to hold onto our faith. Morning has broken. Hope springs anew.

**All: Let us practice what Christ has taught. As and morning welcome new beginnings, let us welcome our new beginning, our chance of a fresh start.**

Leader: The stone is gone. Christ is risen!

**All: Alleluia, Christ is Risen! Awaken! Life springs anew!**

**Hymn: Morning Has Broken**

Morning has broken like the first morning

Blackbird has spoken like the first bird

Praise for the singing, praise for the morning

Praise for them springing fresh from the Word

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven

Like the first dewfall on the first grass

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden

Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

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Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning

Born of the one light, Eden saw play

Praise with elation, praise every morning

God's recreation of the new day

Morning has broken like the first morning

Blackbird has spoken like the first bird

Praise for the singing, praise for the morning

Praise for them springing fresh from the Word

Return to Shore

*Please join us for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall!*



***Easter Sunday***

6:00 AM Sunrise Service on the Great South Bay

Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ

Thank you to our 2017 Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ youth for leading this morning’s Easter Sunrise Service!

Shannon Conrad

Casey Cunningham

Kelly Cunningham

Sam Lent

Chris Lypen

Gabby Lypen

Matthew Lypen
Jordan Ramsaywak

Jessie Ramsaywak

Jude Ramsaywak

Join us later this morning at 10:00 AM for our Easter Sunday Worship

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 *Egg hunt immediately following worship!*