



The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Communion Sunday

Welcome

Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
Sunday, July 2, 2017

Meditation

“This then, is the state of the union: free and restless, growing and full of hope.
So it was in the beginning. So it shall always be, while God is willing,
and we are strong enough to keep the faith.”

~Lyndon B. Johnson

For the summer, we will not process.

- *Liturgist and Ray are seated on the chancel at 9:55 AM*
- *Ray welcomes, make announcements, invites the bell to be rung and is seated.*

Ray *Welcome*

Bell Ringer
Bell is rung after the welcome at least 10 times.

Sean **Prelude** Music for Trumpet and Organ
James Cesare, trumpet

Liturgist *“Please stand or be seated, as you wish, and join me in the call to worship:”*

***Call to Worship**

Our worship leads to the center of our lives -- The Table. Communion is a table set for welcome and transformation; an invitation that precedes time and space to the moment of our first beginnings, when God, in whatever way it occurred said, “Let there be light.” We are of God’s Light, as is all creation. This is the table of Communion with God, with Light, and with one another. We worship this God and lift our voices in song and prayer, as we ready ourselves to touch the Mystery of God, all the Mystery and wonder of God, in the meal we are invited to share. Come, let us worship God together.

***Opening Hymn** **NCH #594 How Beautiful Our Spacious Skies**

Liturgist *Please be seated and join me in our Unison Prayer:*

Unison Prayer

God, we come to you in this prayer, thinking of Paul the Apostle in Romans Chapter 12 Verse 1 when he said, “God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking around life—and place it before God as an offering.” With Paul’s words in mind, we pray to do more...that is to see you in all we do, so that each action is a reflection of you to others. So that our offering and our being – all starts and ends where it began, in the love you freely give to us, a love to share with others, and in so doing, love you in return.

Liturgist

- Liturgist is seated at the end of the Unison Prayer
- A moment of silence follows.
- When ready, Ray moves to the lectern:

Ray Assurance of Pardon

Ray * Passing of the Peace

Liturgist waits for Ray to return to his seat before beginning the readings.

Liturgist Gospel Reading Matthew 10:40-42 (Inclusive Bible Version)

“We are intimately linked in this harvest work. Anyone who accepts what you do, accepts me, the One who sent you. Anyone who accepts what I do accepts God, who sent me. Accepting a messenger of God is as good as being God’s messenger. Accepting someone’s help is as good as giving someone help. This is a large work I’ve called you into, but don’t be overwhelmed by it. It’s best to start small. Give a cool cup of water to someone who is thirsty, for instance. The smallest act of giving or receiving makes you a true learner. You won’t lose out on a thing.”

“This ends this morning’s readings.”

**Sean Musical Praise “Arise, Shine, for Your Light Has Come”
by Allen Pote**

Ray A Message for All Gathered “Speed of Light? So, slowwww...”

A moment for reflection... Ray will cue Sean when to start hymn.

All *Hymn NCH #593 Lift Every Voice and Sing, vs. 1 & 3

Pastor continues with the Communion Prayer...

All: Church Covenant (Sung in Unison)

**In response to God's love, we covenant with each other
to be faithful to the demands and inspiration of the eternal spirit,
revealed in the event of Jesus Christ;
to accept and respect each other with love and concern
in our worship and witness;
to reach out with the courage of our convictions in the cause of justice,
liberation and equality for all;
In this, we covenant to keep the ultimate promise; "I care, I am with you."**

Ray Sharing of the Elements: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Servers' Communion Responses: *The Bread of Life ~ The Cup of Blessing*

All: Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Thank you, God for inviting us to this table, remembering your active
presence in our lives. We are grateful and continuously thirst for the new
and right spirit of this communion with you today, tomorrow and every day.
Guide us always, as we embrace you and all those who have gone before us.
Amen.**

All *Closing Hymn NCH #591 This Is My Song

Ray Brief Announcements

Sean/Choir Choral Blessing *"Homeland"* (excerpt)
Words by Sir Cecil Spring-Rice & Z. Randall Stroope
Tune by Gustav Holst
Arranged by Z. Randall Stroope

Ray Benediction and Sending Forth

Bell Ringer *Bell is rung several times.*

Sean Postlude

Announcements

Office Hours Through Sept 10th

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Office will be closed for the Week of August 19 – 25th

Tuesday, July 4th and the Week of August 19th - 25th

Call Ray for emergencies or outside office hours at 631-827-8611

Bible Talk Summer on Mondays and Tuesdays

Mondays at 11:45 AM; Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the Vestry

All are welcome!

Please join us for a Talkback following worship in the sanctuary!

World Refugee Potluck Dinner – An amazing evening! In the words of one committee member: “The dinner went well beyond our dreams! There were 50 people, including nine children. It was quite the event! Everyone was smiling, especially our guests! Jeannie led introductions and encouraged stories in her inimitable way. Our guests spoke with effusive warmth and were very friendly and lovely. We sent the red rose centerpieces home with each of them, which they loved. And everybody's food was stupendous! Our guests invited us to visit them and what a sight to see all the kids getting along and at one point disappearing to the playground, returning for dessert! Thanks to the committee and all who joined us!” I think that says it all! – Ray.

Thanks to all for joining us for the Congregational Luncheon! And, special thanks to all who made it happen, including: Lorraine Severin, Roberta Smith, Pat Mahar, Elise Cesare, Kari Kaczmarek, Gail Heyse and Gail Kieser.

Save the Date! Our Annual Bake Sale at the Sayville Ferry Dock will be on **Friday, July 14th**. We need bakers, folks to price & wrap, and sales people at the dock. Please see Sue Lanchantin to sign up for one or more activities!

Many Thanks... We are so grateful for all of the generous contributions from every member of our church family! Your generosity allows us to accomplish what we strive to do for each other and our community!!

With Summer upon us and so many enjoying time away, please take this gentle reminder to keep your pledges current.

Accompaniment Ministry Opportunities Members and friends of our congregation continue to accompany individuals appearing before immigration courts, both on Long Island and in New York City. Accompaniment is a powerful way to witness – just by your presence – that folks facing immigration hearings have community among us. If you would like to learn more about accompaniment or be placed on the email list to learn of upcoming accompaniment opportunities, please contact Ray at 631-827-8611 or ray@sayvilleucc.org

There's still time to share your photos! The news is all good: we have received several framed photos for our summer members' art display. The other good news is that we have extended the deadline until next week, July 2nd!! So bring your masterpiece to church next Sunday, or call Connie to arrange another option. 631-567-9411/631-766-4724. Please label the back of your work, and fill out the purple form, for tracking. Thanks!

Weekly Events:

- **Bible Talks!** in the Vestry - Mondays at 11:45 AM & Tuesdays at 7:00 PM.
- **Having Friends Inn** in Fellowship Hall – Mon. through Thurs. at 5:30 PM
- **NA Meetings** in Fellowship Hall – Mon. at 7:30 PM; Sat. at 11:00 – 1:00 PM
- **SCA Meetings** in Fellowship Hall – Wed. at 7:30 PM
- **Nar-Anon Meetings** in Fellowship Hall – Thurs. at 6:45 PM
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** in the Vestry – Thurs. at 10:00 AM
- **Senior Exercise in the Vestry** – Tues. at 9:00 AM & Thurs. at 12:15 PM

Giving:

United Church of Christ congregations pays its own bills, hires its own staff, and maintains its own facilities from the voluntary gifts of members and friends. Donations are accepted in the basket on Sundays, as well as through our online giving program or through direct payments. Please call Heather in the office to answer any questions you may have about how we can best to accommodate your gifts. And, please consider buying Stop & Shop Gift Cards to support the church. Available at coffee hour each week, a portion of their cost goes to Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ.

Newsletters: Are you receiving our weekly newsletters: *eChimes* and *Justice Chimes* Newsletters? Let us know: ray@sayvilleucc.org. Visit our website for more information. at www.sayvilleucc.org. Do you need these in print?

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, Sign up on the forms in the hallway or contact Sue Lanchantin for more information.

***Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ***

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.

Today's Leadership

Setting the Table	Connie & Roger Kauffman
Liturgist	Karen Maust
Music Director	Sean Cameron
Greeter/Ushers	Sue Lanchantin and Roberta Smith
Projection Slides	Kimberley Reiser
Hospitality	The Prayer Shawl Ministry

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*Thank you for being with us today.
Peace. Shalom. Salaam. For the ways of peace are many.
“Namaste”*

Please contact Heather if you have questions or need any additional help.

