The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ

Sunday, July 23, 2017

*For the summer, we will not process.*

* *Liturgist and Ray are seated on the chancel at 9:55 AM*
* *Ray will welcome, make announcements and invite the bell to be rung returning to his seat.*
* *Liturgist and Ray are seated as the bell is rung, followed by the Prelude.*

**Ray** *Welcome*

**Bell Ringer**

Bell is rung after the welcome at least 10 times.

Sean will begin playing around the 10th ring of the bell.

**Sean Prelude**

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

**\*Call to Worship (In Unison)**

**God is in this place.**

**You choose God’s name. Doesn’t matter.**

**However you know God, God is here.**

**The God in all of us and all creation – is here!**

**Welcome!**

**And let us worship together.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

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

**Unison** **Prayer** (**In Unison)**

(Adapted from Lyrics of *Stairway to Heaven* by Led Zeppelin)

**And, as we wind on down the road**

**there walks a Love we all know,**

**shining in magnificent light.**

**Its presence illumines the way.**

**The tune comes to us, slowly, from deep in the Light.**

**Music of the Light that calls us, embraces us**

**It is the music, the Presence of the One.**

**The One that is here now, always, everwhere.**

*Please consider these words and your own prayers in a moment of silence.*

**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 reading*

**Gospel Reading Genesis 28:10-19** (The Message)

Jacob left Beersheba and went to Haran. He came to a certain place and camped for the night since the sun had set. He took one of the stones there, set it under his head and lay down to sleep. And he dreamed: A stairway was set on the ground and it reached all the way to the sky; angels of God were going up and going down on it.

Then God was right before him, saying, “I am God, the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac. I’m giving the ground on which you are sleeping to you and to your descendants. Your descendants will be as the dust of the Earth; they’ll stretch from west to east and from north to south. All the families of the Earth will bless themselves in you and your descendants. Yes. I’ll stay with you, I’ll protect you wherever you go, and I’ll bring you back to this very ground. I’ll stick with you until I’ve done everything I promised you.”

Jacob woke up from his sleep. He said, “God is in this place—truly. And I didn’t even know it!” He was terrified. He whispered in awe, “Incredible. Wonderful. Holy. This is God’s House. This is the Gate of Heaven.”

Jacob was up first thing in the morning. He took the stone he had used for his pillow and stood it up as a memorial pillar and poured oil over it. He christened the place Bethel (God’s House). The name of the town had been Luz until then.

*This ends this morning’s readings.*

**Sean Musical Praise**

**Ray Message for All Gathered** *Between a rock and a hard place…*

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

**All Hymn**

**Liturgist Prayer for Others and Ourselves**

Now, you are invited to lift your joys and concerns before God and one another. Please wait for me to come around with the microphone so everyone can hear your request. You are also welcome to write your joys and concerns on the prayer card in the pew, placing it in the collection basket during the offertory. May we hear your joys and concerns?

**Ray Let us pray…followed by The Lord’s Prayer/The Prayer of Jesus**

**Liturgist Invitation to Give**

Thank you for your generosity in helping us to share God's love for all. We are grateful for all the ways you participate in the work of this ministry, and more than anything, we are most grateful that you are here. *We welcome your offerings at this time and invite you to place your prayer and information cards in the basket.*

**Sean Offertory**

**All \*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.**

**All**  **\*Closing Hymn**

**Ray Brief Announcements**

**Ray Benediction and Sending Forth**

**Bell Ringer** *Bell is rung several times.*

**Sean Postlude**

**Announcements!**

Office Hours Through September 10th:  
Monday - Thursday for 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
  
Office Will Be Closed the Week of August 19th  
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**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!

*For those who wish…*

“A Talkback!” will follow the forum that begins at the end of worship and continues in the vestry. All are welcome!

***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](mailto:ray@sayvilleucc.org)

**Weekly Events:**

* **Bible** **Talks!** in the Vestry - Mondays at 11:45 AM & Tuesdays at 7:00 PM.
* **Choir** **Practice** in the Vestry - Wednesdays at 6:00 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

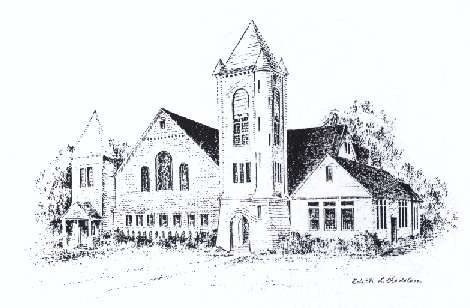
***Giving*:**

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](mailto:ray@sayvilleucc.org). Visit our website for more information. at [www.sayvilleucc.org](http://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.

***Thank you for being with us today. Please contact Ray or the office if there is anything we can do to be of help during the week! Hope to see you next Sunday!***

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***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 friends and neighbors and visitors seeking an inviting, welcoming worshipful (and fun!) community. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here! No kidding!

***Today’s Leadership***

**Setting the Table**

**Liturgist**

**Choir** With appreciation for all our choir members.

**Music Director**

**Greeter/Ushers**

**Projection Slides** Kimberley Reiser

**Projectionist**

**Hospitality**

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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.

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