

# **Leaders BULLETIN**

Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ  
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost  
October 31, 2021



Welcoming...

Good morning, all and welcome to this morning's worship, we are glad you are here.

My name is Connie Kauffman and we welcome you to this morning's worship, whether you are joining us in-person, online, or viewing this later. However that might be, you are welcome here – long before you arrive.

We begin this morning with some brief announcements:

And now, our worship begin the ringing of the bell...

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Usher      The Bell is Rung

Sean Prelude

Connie      Call to Worship

*Please stand or remain seated, as you wish, and join us in this morning's call to worship:*

The "Call to Worship" is an invitation to enter *into* a space already there [here]. It opens a portal [worship does] and draws us away from everything else, as best we can—better than we though we could... even if but for a moment and Worship finds [and embraces] us. Come, be embraced, know you are loved and loved again and embrace Worship, in return [in this spirit of love].

Sean Hymn      *Spirit of Love*      New Century Hymnal #58

Spirit of love, you move within creation,  
drawing the threads to color and design:  
Life into life you knit our true salvation,  
come, work with us, and weave us into one.

Though we have frayed the fabric of your making,  
tearing away from all that you intend,  
Yet, to be whole, humanity is aching—  
come work with us and weave us into one.

Great loom of God, where history is woven,  
you are the frame that holds us to the truth,  
Christ is the theme, the pattern you have given—  
come work with us and weave us into one.

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Connie Unison Prayer

*Please stand or remain seated, as you wish, and join us in this morning's call to worship. **Note to leader:** Where there is a pause, count to ten, slowly, then continue.*

For a moment, listen (pause)...with your whole self.  
Be still, still (pause) ... let your breath be the only sound.  
Now, breath in (again) ... this time the Spirit we share.  
Exhale, slowly (now) ... and release the Spirit in you,  
the Spirit we share...into the world, once more  
And again (pause) ... and always, Amen.

Sean Hymn      "O Great Spirit"      Sing! Prayer and Praise #91

O Great Spirit, earth, sun, sky and sea,  
you are within and all around me.

O Great Spirit, dawn before the day,  
stir us within to hear you as we pray.

Connie      Joys & Concerns

In John 13:34-35 Jesus says to the disciples: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you so must you love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

There are many ways we love one another; One of those ways we practice love is to pray. Prayer, many say, is an act of love.

And so, we invite you to share our love in yours, as we remember and listen to you name those who are in your hearts and on your minds this morning...

May we hear your prayers, your joys, your concerns....

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*Ray will circulate with the Microphone...and Jeanne will close with the Prayer of Jesus from The New Zealand Prayer Book:*

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Parent, Guardian Guide of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope  
and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever. Amen.

Connie      Passing of the Peace  
                 Friends, please rise or be seated, as you wish:

Now, let us share this morning's peace with one another and  
all the world and those beyond...  
May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you...

**And, also with you.**

Connie      First Reading      Deuteronomy 6: 1-9

(Moses) This is the commandment, the rules and regulations, that God,  
your God, commanded me to teach you to live out in the land you're  
about to cross into to possess. This is so that you'll live in deep  
reverence before God lifelong, observing all God's rules and  
regulations that I'm commanding you, you and your kin, living good  
long lives.

Listen obediently, Israel. Do what you're told so that you'll have a good  
life, a life of abundance and bounty, just as God promised, in a land  
abounding in milk and honey.

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Attention, Israel!

God, our God! God the one and only!

Love God, your God, with your whole heart: love God with all that's in you, love God with all you've got!

Write these commandments that I've given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your kin. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night. Tie them on your hands and foreheads as a reminder; inscribe them on the doorposts of your homes and on your city gates.

Sean Hymn

You Are Holy

Sing Prayer and Praise #82

Connie Gospel Reading Mark 12: 28-34

One of the religion scholars came up. Hearing the lively exchanges of question and answer and seeing how sharp Jesus was in his answers, he put in his question: "Which is most important of all the commandments?"

Jesus said, "The first in importance is, 'Listen, Israel: The Lord your God is one; so love the Lord God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence and energy.' And here is the second: 'Love others as well as you love yourself.' There is no other commandment that ranks with these."

The religion scholar said, "A wonderful answer, Teacher! So clear-cut and accurate—that God is one and there is no other. And loving God with all passion and intelligence and energy, and loving others as well as you love yourself. Why, that's better than all offerings and sacrifices put together!"

When Jesus realized how insightful he was, he said, "You're almost there, right on the border of God's kingdom."

After that, no one else dared ask a question.

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Ray	Today's Message	It's geometric..."
Sean	Church Covenant	
Ray	Benediction	
Usher	Ringing of the Bell	
James	Postlude	The Chancel Choir

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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. An original 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 seeking a spiritual home. To learn about our congregation and membership, please speak with any deacon.

### Today's Worship Leadership

Liturgist –

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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.