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Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
Reign of Christ Sunday, Last Sunday of Year B
November 21, 2021



Patricia Welcoming...

Good morning!

My name is Patricia Mahar, and on behalf of Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ, I welcome you to this morning's worship, whether you are joining us in-person, online, or viewing this service at a later time. As you are, please know you are love and invited here – long before you arrive.

First, we begin this morning with some brief announcements:

Are there other announcements...

Friends, we gather as people of faith sharing our personal and communal spiritual journeys. From your place on this broad highway of love and grace, welcome. We are grateful you are here.

Usher The Bell is Rung

Prelude

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Patricia Call to Worship

Friends, you are invited to remain seated or to rise for this morning's Call to Worship. You are also invited to pray silently or gently and softly from behind your mask, if you wish.

The Bending by Joseph H. Gilmore

We breathe the Breath of thee
in an out,
all the days of our lives
and as though
there were nothing to it.
Blessed art thou,
who bends to us,
every one,
and gives us a borrowed
and sacred breath.

Thine own.

Let us, therefore,
not presume.
Let us remember the bending
of thee to every
(last)
one of us:
before the bending, we were not;
after it, we were;
and now
we can never not be
again.

Blessed art thou,
spirit, breath, wind.

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Sean Hymn Come, O Thankful People, Come NCH 422

[INSERT WORDS]

Patricia Unison Prayer

An excerpt from Maya Angelou's "Still I Rise"

Friends, once again, you are invited to remain seated or to rise for this morning's Unison Prayer. You are also invited to pray silently or gently and softly from behind your mask, if you wish.

"Did you want to see me broken?
Bowed head and lowered eyes?
Shoulders falling down like tear drops,
Weakened by my soulful cries?"

No. This is why we worship and pray together.

To remember we are whole, alive, strong in our God; ready;
entering the world with Love greater than any lament....

Ray Prayer of Assurance

Sean Hymn "Come and Fill" Sing! Prayer and Praise #34

[INSERT WORDS]

Patricia Joys & Concern

There are many ways we love one another, and one of the ways we practice such love is to remember each other in our prayers.

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So, we invite you to share love – and shared love, 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....

Ray will circulate with the Microphone...and Patricia will close us with the Prayer of Jesus. You are invited to pray this prayer in the way that brings you most comfort...

Creator God who is in heaven
Hallowed* be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
Forever, Amen.

*hallowed=holy

Patricia Passing of the Peace

Please stand or remain seated, as you wish, and join us our "Passing of the Peace of Jesus".

May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you...

And, also with you.

Patricia A First Reading The Book of Daniel Inclusive Bible

7:1 Beginning in the first year of the reign of Belshazzar in Babylon, Daniel had visions in his sleep. What follows are his narratives of those dreams.

(As his dream unfolds in 7:2-8, our reading is from 7:9-10 and 13-14)

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⁽⁹⁻¹⁰⁾ Thrones were set up, and the one who sat there
was the Ancient of Days,
whose clothing was snow white,
with a head of hair as white as wool;
whose throne was flames of fire.
A stream of fire surged forth,
flowing from the Ancient One's presence,
with tens of thousands ministering,
with hundreds of thousands standing in attendance.
The court was convened and the books were open.

⁽¹³⁻¹⁴⁾ I gazed into the visions of the night once again,
and I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one who looked human,
but somehow more than human.
This One came to the Ancient One
and was led into the Divine Presence.
Thus was conferred sovereignty,
glory and dominion,
and all peoples, nations and languages
became this One's subjects.
This Sovereignty is an eternal Sovereignty
which will never pass away,
nor will this dominion ever be destroyed.

Sean Hymn "Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow"
 New Century Hymnal #271 vs. 2 & 3

[INSERT WORDS]

Patricia Gospel Reading John 18:33-37 (excerpts)
 Inclusive Bible

John 18 begins as follows: *At daybreak, they led Jesus from the house of Caiphas to the Praetorium (Pilate's court):*

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So, Pilate reentered the Praetorium and summoned Jesus. “Are you the King of the Jews?” asked Pilate.

Jesus answered, “My realm is not of this world...not, my realm is not of this world.

Pilate said, “So you’re a King?”

Jesus replied, “You say I’m a King. I was born to come into the world for one purpose—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who seeks the truth hears my voice.”

“Truth? What is truth?” asked Pilate.

Provocation

Sean Church Covenant

Ray Benediction

Usher Ringing of the Bell

Sean Postlude

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

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