



A Communion Sunday for Hope



Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ

November 28, 2021

How far is it to Bethlehem?

Karen Welcome

Usher Ringing of the Bell

Sean Prelude

Karen *Call to Worship
Adapted from Psalm 143, *Psalms for Praying* by Nan C. Merrill

*(Please rise or be seated. You are invited to pray aloud with us,
with your masks on, please.)

O Bringer of Joy and Hope, awaken our hearts;
pour your love and blessing into all aspects of our being!

Free us from attachments and distractions, as we pray together.
Help us to become clear and bright reflections of your Love and Peace,
of your Joy and Hope to all the world.

Come! Awake! Awoken! Let us worship and pray and sing together!

Sean *Opening Hymn "Welcome to This House"
Sing! Prayer and Praise #7 vs. 2 & 3

*(Please remain standing or be seated. If you wish, you are invited to join us in the
singing of this morning's opening hymn – with your masks on, please.)

Welcome to this house, there is room for ev'ryone.
All will sing, praises we bring. Let us all be one.

Welcome to this house, where God gives the call to serve.
All will sing, praises we bring. Welcome to this house of God.

Welcome to this house, blessed by Word and Harmony.
Child of God, born from above. Know that Christ is love.

Welcome to this house, filled with peace and charity.
Child of God, born from above, welcome to this house of God.

Karen *Unison Prayer
*(You may be seated. You are invited to pray aloud with us,
with your masks on, please.)

During this Advent of Expectation and Hopefulness
the world – again – the *universe again*
remember the day everything changed.

Hope was born into all that would come.

Karen Assurance of God's Love

Karen *Passing of the Peace
*(Please stand or be seated and join us in the Passing of the Peace.)

May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you...
And, also with you.

Lighting of the Advent Candle for Hope
*(Please remain standing or be seated. If you wish, you are invited to join us
in the singing of this morning's opening hymn – with your masks on,
please.)

Sean First Verse of *One Candle is Lit*

Come surely, Sweet Jesus, as dawn follows night,
our hearts long to greet you, as roses, the light.
Salvation draw near us, our vision engage.
One candle is lit for the Hope of the Age.

Karen Prayer for Others and Ourselves

Now, you are invited to lift your joys and concerns before God and one
another. Please wait for Ray to come around with the microphone so
everyone can hear your request. May we hear your joys and concerns?

Karen *The Prayer of Jesus
*(Please rise or be seated. You are invited to pray aloud with us,
with your masks on, please.)

Creator God who is in heaven
Hallowed* be your name.
Your kindom 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
But deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kindom, the power, and the glory
Forever, Amen.

Sean *Hymn "Come and Fill" Sing! Prayer and Praise #34
*(Please remain standing or be seated. If you wish, you are invited join us in
the singing of "Come and Fill" – with your masks on, please.)

Come and fill all my life,
Come and fill all my life.
Each and every tender place:
Holy Breath, move through me.

Come and fill all my life,
Come and fill all my life.
Pouring gently, rushing strong:
Holy Breath, move through me.

Karen Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

"The days are surely coming," says YHWH, when I will bestow on Israel and Judah all the blessings I promised them. In those days and at that time I will raise up a righteous branch from the line of David, who will bring justice and integrity to the land. In those days, Judah will be safe and Jerusalem will be secure. They will call the land, 'YHWH is our Justice.'

Ray Message for All Gathered

Sean *Hymn "As We gather at Your Table" New Century Hymnal
#332

*(Please stand or be seated. If you wish, you are invited join us in the singing of our Communion Hymn – with your masks on, please. The verses for this hymn are on the screen or in The New Century Hymnal #332.)



Ray Communion Prayer

God be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Ray Invitation to the Table

Jesus said:
I am the bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

It is indeed right, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Creator God. You are our Divine Path, the path of wind, sea, earth, fire and more.

You are the Universe's guarantee.
The Hope of all creation, precursor and protector of Justice and Love;
Freedom and Love.
Hope and Joy and Peace and Love.
All these things and more are assured by You.

Beauty and spirit and goodness
abounds in our midst because you are within and around us. You are the
inner life, the outer life, the eternal life we share.

How amazing and wonderful that we have come to know you and seek to
know you more.

So, we turn to Jesus and his words to the disciples at that last supper

Friends, see Jesus, now... Breaking the bread, giving it to his disciples and
saying:

"This is my body, given up for you in more ways than you can imagine, here
in Spirit Wonder, on the edge of unimaginable eternity.

Whenever and wherever you do this, remember me. Remember what I have
taught you. Love and teach others, as I now and forever love and teach you.

And after he blessed and shared the bread, Jesus lifted a cup, and again gave
thanks to God, whom he called Abba. And, he said to the disciples...

"This is the Cup that will always flow abundantly in our lives together.
Whenever you do these things, do them in remembrance of me.

Sean Church Covenant (Sung in Unison)
*(Please remain seated. If you wish, you are invited to join us in the singing of the Church Covenant – with your masks on, please.)

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.

Ray Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing

Usher Ringing of the Bell

Sean Postlude "Let Us Break Bread Together"
American Folk Hymn
Arranged by Craig Courtney



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

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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.