

The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ

January 2, 2022

Welcome

Announcements

Good Morning Everyone,

Welcome to the First Sunday of Worship in 2022!

Whether you are with us today in person or watching the live broadcast of this morning's worship, we wish you the very best for a New Year. May this new cycle bring a continued and ever-renewing sense of gratitude and hope! Gratitude for being together and hope for the possibilities and opportunities on their way to us all.

As a reminder, this Saturday, January 8th at 11 AM, we will celebrate and commemorate the life of Ruth Smith, our life-long member of nearly 103 years, who died on Christmas Day. Please continue to keep Ruth's family and friends in your prayers and join us Saturday in-person or online, if you are able.

After today's worship, you are invited to take home the flowers you purchased to remember family and friends during this Advent and Christmas time. We have some extras, so please do help yourself. A list of all those you honored with the flowers is printed later in this bulletin.

And so, on this first morning of worship in 2022, we ring in the joy of this New Year together with the ringing of our very own bell!

Let the bell resound with Joy!

Prelude "Prince of Denmark March" by Jeremiah Clarke
James Cesare, trumpet soloist

*Call to Worship (Based on Isaiah 43:1-7)
(*Please rise or be seated, as you wish, praying with us aloud while leaving your masks in place)

The God who breathed this world alive and sustains it day by day
Whose hands flung stars into space and controls our destiny
Says, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you."

The God who filled the ocean depths and set tides on their way
Who caused mountains to be raised up and rainbows to display
Says, "I have called you by name, you are mine."

The God who made the fertile earth and seed within to sow
Whose artistry creates butterflies and the early morning dew
Says, "You are precious in my sight."

[And, let us add, this God, in all the ways this God is understood,
would surely remind us, "You are Loved". Indeed.]

*Hymn "Nu Oli (Glad Tidings)" NCH #146 vss. 1,1

In 1831 newly ordained Lorenzo Lyons and Betsy, his wife, sailed to Hawaii with the Sandwich Islands Mission. He served there over fifty years. This is a popular Hawaiian hymn translation that is sung at Christmas time.

Nu oli! nu oli! he nukama ha'o
He nu no ke ola mail una mai no,
No kanaka nui, no kama li'I nei,
A oi ka nani ke gula a'I a'i.
Nu oli! nu oli! nu kamaha'o!
Kamaha'o! kamaha'o! Nuoli! nuoli!
He nu nu ke ola, e hau'oli e!

Glad tidings! glad tidings! O wonderful love!
A message has come from the angels above:
Good news of great joy comes to young and to old,
For Jesus brings mercy more precious than gold.
Glad tidings, glad tidings!
 O wonderful, wonderful, wonderful love!
Glad tidings! Glad tidings!
 We hail the glad tidings of wonderful love!

Unison Prayer (In part from Amanda Gorman's Inaugural Poem
of January 20, 2021.) (Please be seated and join us in reading.)

"When day comes we ask ourselves,
 where can we find light in this never-ending shade?
The loss we carry,
a sea we must wade
We've braved the belly of the beast
We've learned that quiet isn't always peace

And the norms and notions
of what just is
Isn't always just-ice
And yet the dawn is ours [and] before we knew it

Somehow we do it..."

[Let this day, and the next, and all days
be the days we hold the dawn in our hearts together,
 spoken in each of our own ways,
so the Light breaks through
all that casts shadows on our kin and one another. Amen.]

*Passing of the Peace

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.
*Hymn "Standing at the Future's Threshold" NCH #538 vss. 1, 2, 4

Standing at the future's threshold, grateful for God's guiding hand,
Asking no protected stronghold, called to be a pilgrim band,
Seeking ever for new vision of the gospel for our day,
We move forward in God's mission with our faith to show the way.

Midst the cities teeming millions, witness to God's boundless love,
Reaching for each system's lost ones, seeking justice with each move,
Grant us courage, strength and patience to contend with vicious power,
Lead us forward in the faith that gives us hope in testing's hour.

Building justice as the bulwark of the peace that God would give,
Making sacrifice the hallmark of the life we're called to live.
Grant us, God, to bear our witness to this peace in Christ and move
Forward with our faith's own access to the life of hope and love.

Joys and Concerns...

We take this time to share our Joys and Concern with one another. While we navigate this time of safe practices, we refrain from passing a microphone. Please wait for Ray who will repeat your Joys and Concerns for all to hear...

*The Prayer of Jesus

*(Please rise or be seated and join us in praying the Prayer of Jesus.)

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
But deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power,

and the glory forever, Amen.

Gospel Reading John 1:1-18 Inclusive Bible (Following Page)

In the beginning there was the Word;
the word was in God's presence,
and the Word was God.

The Word was present to God
from the beginning.

Through the Word
all things came into being,
and apart from the Word
nothing came into being
that has come into being.

In the word was life, and that life was humanity's light —
a Light that shines in the darkness,
a Light that the darkness has never overtaken.

Then came the one named John, sent as an envoy from God, who
came as a witness to testify about the Light, so that through his
testimony everyone might believe. He himself wasn't the Light; he only
came to testify about the Light — the true Light that illuminates all
humankind.

The Word was coming into the world —
was in the world —
and though the world,
was made through the Word, the world didn't recognize it.

Though the Word came to its own realm,
the Word's on people didn't accept it.
Yet any who did accept the Word,
who believed in that Name,
were empowered to become children of God —
children born not of natural descent,
nor urge of flesh
nor human will —
but born of God.

And the word became flesh
and stayed for a little while among us;
we saw the Word's glory —
the favor position a parent or guardian gives an only child —

filled with grace, filled with the truth.

John testified by proclaiming, “This is the one I spoke of when I said, ‘The one who comes after me ranks ahead of me, for this One existed before I did.’”

Of this one’s fullness
we’ve all had a share —

gift on top of gift. For a while the Law was given through Moses,
the Gift — and the Truth — came through Jesus Christ.
No one has ever seen God;
It is the Only Begotten,
ever at Abba’s side,
who has revealed God to us.

Reflection



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.

Jesus said:

I am the bread of life.

You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

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

In this place as in all places, it is indeed right to always bring thanks to you. You Creator God, Christ and Spirit are our Divine path of all that is – and then more.

You are the Universe's Guarantor:

Hope. Justice. Peace. Joy.

And virtues we have yet to learn.

All these are your gifts to us.

May this meal nourish us in them all.

Ray The Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Drink

Sean *Church Covenant – Sung in Unison
*(Please remain seated and join us in singing.)

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 "Distribution" of Communion



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Our dear Phil; all those lost to Covid-19,
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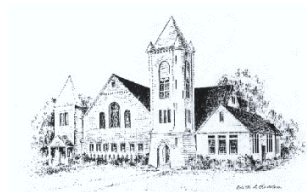
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and all families near and far.





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For more than a century and a half, Sayville's Congregational Church has served families on the South Shore of Long Island and has 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 advocate and act for the oppressed, and to welcome all those on their spiritual journey, from wherever they may come. Thank you for joining us. Please contact us at any time for more information about our congregation or with any questions you may have for us. Merry Christmas.

Today's Worship Leadership

Liturgist – Karen Maust

Music Director – Sean Cameron

Trumpet Soloist – James Cesare

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Tonight's Service is being simulcast on our church channel at

www.echimestv.org Tune in any time!

Thank you for being with us today.

Peace. Shalom. Salaam. For the ways of peace are many.

"Namaste"