

Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ January 9, 2022

Welcome

Ringing the Bell

Prelude "The Apple Tree" Arranged by K. Lee Scott

Please rise or remain seated if you wish and join us in this morning's Call to Worship, speaking gently with masks on.

*Call to Worship

Love reveals in exquisite personal ways. Cascading from its original source: God's Love; flowing through us into this time, our time – it seeks itself (God) in all others.

With persistence and humility, Love overcomes even the most distant of hearts – later, if not now. It brings us to itself, regardless of what may be in the way of the moment. Love comes to us always as it does in this time we share together.

We come to this expanse of God with fullness in our hearts, embracing this exquisite personal God who loves us all.

Please remain standing or seated and join us in singing this morning's hymn, if you wish to do so.

Hymn "Tú has venido a la orilla" NCH #173 vss. 2,4 (You Have Come down to the Lakeshore)

You have come down to the lakeshore seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy But only asking for me to follow.

(Refrain)

O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes kindly smiling, you've called out my name. On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you, I will seek other seas.

You who have fished other waters; you, the longing of souls that are yearning: As loving Friend, you have come to call me. (Refrain)

Please be seated.

Unison Prayer:

We love. In *all* that means, we do.

Knowing we are loved, always and unconditionally, promises that we are never lost; never alone; never without hope.

May our faces reflect the grace and hospitality we are ready to share.

May our hearts reflect our gratitude for being of use in your world.

And, may our prayers reflect our trust in you through all struggles – especially those closest to the ones we love.

We pray these things and more.

We ask your help opening our hands and hearts to all, in your name, and in all the ways we know you.

Amen

Please rise if you are able or sit if you wish, and let us extend our love for one another, here and all we may encounter by sharing the Peace of Christ:

*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.

Please remain standing or be seated if you wish and join us in singing "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant", gently from behind your masks).

*Hymn "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?" NCH #539 vss. 1, 3, 4

Won't you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace, to let you be my servant, too.

I will hold the Christ Light for you, in the shadow of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.

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 Mary who will repeat your Joys and Concerns for all to hear...

Please rise or be seated and join us in praying the Prayer of Jesus

*The Prayer of Jesus

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.

Gospel Reading John 2:1-11

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

"Mother, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

His mother said to the wait staff, "Do whatever he tells you."

Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

Jesus said to the staff, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the manager of the banquet."

They did so, and the manager of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Sermon "Who knew..."

Hymn "The One Who Began a Good Work..."

Sing! Prayer and Praise #200

The One who began a good work in you the One who began a good work in you, will be faithful to complete it, will be faithful to complete it, The One who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you.

Benediction

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude The Chancel Choir
"Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come" by Allen Pote

2021 Chancel Flowers

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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 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 – Michael Jayne
Music Director – Sean Cameron
Ushers – Judie Jayne and Sue Lanchantin
Media Team – Karin Conrad, Mark Conrad,
Connie Kauffman, Kathy Leis and Hank Maust

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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"