

The Baptism of Jesus



LEADERS BULLETIN

Thank you, Leaders of today's worship!

Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ

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Patricia

Welcome

Announcements

Good morning, Everyone,

My name is Patricia Mahar and it is my pleasure to welcome you to worship this morning, whether you are joining us here, in person, or online. We are delighted you are here.

We are also delighted to have Rev. Mary Larson as our guest minister this morning, while Ray enjoys a week of vacation. Mary is a good friend of ours and serves as staff Chaplain at Saint Charles Hospital. Since that doesn't keep her busy enough, she also serves as Moderator of the Suffolk Association of the United Church of Christ and is pursuing advanced degrees in Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy, along with preaching!

We welcome Mary and thank you for being with us today.

We are also excited to have James Higgins return as our visiting Music Director, while Sean is away. We are blessed to have James and Mary as part of the worshipping life of our congregation!

On this Sunday that we honor the legacy and life of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we remember the deep ties to all he lived and died to accomplish. This is our time, in all the ways we may, to continue his legacy of justice and love with the courage of our convictions and the wisdom of our faith.

Are there any announcements at this time?

As we begin this morning's worship with the ringing of the bell, let its sound bring us here, fully present in this time we share together...

Usher Ringing the Bell

James Prelude "Prepare Ye The Way Of The Lord" from Godspell
by Stephen Schwartz

Patricia *Call to Worship – Canticale of Praise by David Boswick
Adapted for Inclusive Language

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

Blessed are you, O Christ, our God;
you were before time began, and came to the world to save us.

Blessed are you, the One of righteousness;
you shine with God's love and illumine the whole universe.

Blessed are you, son of Mary;
born a child you shared our humanity.

Blessed are you, descendent of David;
born to rule, you received gifts from the wise ones.

Blessed are you, the One of Humanity;
baptized by John, you saved us from ourselves.

eyes kindly smiling you've called my name.
Blessed are you, heavenly Guide;
teaching and preaching, healing and comforting, you proclaimed the kindom.

With all the voices of heaven we celebrate the coming
of this Jesus the Christ.
Let heaven and earth shout their praise.

With all the creatures on earth we sing and dance at your birth.
Praise and glory to you. Amen.

Patricia Please remain standing or seated and join us in singing this morning's hymn, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell," if you wish to do so.

James Hymn "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" NCH #7 vss. 2,4

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing out your faith with cheerful voice;
Delight in God whose praise you tell,
whose presence calls you to rejoice.

Proclaim again that God is good,
whose mercy is forever sure,
Whose truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

Patricia Unison Prayer by Rev. Bruce Prewer (Modified)

Patricia Please remain standing and join me in today's Unison Prayer and the "Passing of the Peace", which follow...

Most wonderful God, flawed though we are, we too delight in your Beloved One. Today, in Jesus' name we gather in this house of many praises. May the heavens be opened for us, that we may catch a glimpse of that Light and Love that transforms our common days with a beauty not of our making. Amen!

Patricia *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.

Patricia (Please be seated and join me in the singing of "Come to the Waters".

James *Hymn "Come to the Waters" Sing! Prayer and Praise #3

Refrain:

Come, Jesus is calling to you.

"Reach out, take my hand. You'll not fall.

Come, come, I am waiting for you,

O'er the waters of life, hear my call.

"Reach out in faith, cross the waters to me.

Your hand in mine, that's the way it should be.

Stretch out in faith, take my hand if you will.

Waters be calm! Wind be still." (*Refrain*)

"Walk out in faith, take the risk if you can.

I bring you peace, come along, take my hand.

Step out in faith, I will carry you on.

You may be weak; I am strong.

Patricia 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...

Patricia *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.

Mary Gospel Reading Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Beloved with you I am well pleased."

Mary Sermon "Affirmed by Love"

May Please stand or be seated for the singing of "A Song Must Rise" and please remain as you are for the Benediction to follow.

James Hymn "A Song Must Rise" Sing! Prayer and Praise #209

Oh a song must rise for the Spirit to descend.
Oh a song must rise once again.
Singing out God's praises and glory, the faithful voices blend.
Oh a song must rise for the Spirit to descend.

From every house of worship, in every faith and tongue,
a song must rise once again. From the voices of our leaders
and the voice of you and me, a song must rise
for the Spirit to descend.

Oh a song must rise for the Spirit to descend.
Oh a song must rise once again.
Singing out God's praises and glory, the faithful voices blend.
Oh a song must rise for the Spirit to descend.

Mary Benediction

Usher Ringing of the Bell

James Postlude "The Apple Tree" Arranged by K. Lee Scott



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

Guest Preacher – Rev. Mary Larson

Liturgist – Pat Mahar

Guest Music Director – James Higgins

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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"