

Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ

together

IS A BEAUTIFUL PLACE TO BE



Welcome Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude "Sinfonia for trumpet and organ", Henry Purcell

Edited by S. Drummond Wolf James Cesare, trumpet soloist

*Call to Worship

Love is many things...
Especially being together.
Here. Today. Now. Later. At home.
Together. With love, in love.
in the presence of Love.
Let us worship together!

Hymn

"Let There be Light, O God of Hosts" New Century Hymnal #589 vss. 1, 2, 4

Let there be light, O God of hosts! Let there be wisdom on the earth! Let broad humanity have birth! Let there be deeds, instead of boasts!

Give us the peace of senses clear to know our neighbors' good our own; To hope and suffer not alone, bonded in love that conquers fear.

Let woe and waste of warfare cease, that useful labor yet may build Its homes with love and laughter filled! God, give your wayward children peace.

Unison Prayer

Please remain standing and join me in today's Unison Prayer.

Sometimes it requires only being present...
to be together.
Other times it takes a lot more.
Whatever it requires,
we are called to be with each other.
in Love. And that can really
stir things up! May it be so. Good trouble.
May it be so.

Installation of Barbra Salva as Member of Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ

Barbara, thank you for deciding to become a member of our congregation. We are blessed by and grateful for your choice!

Affirmations of Membership:

Do you wish to affirm your baptism with us today in this faith family and congregation of Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ?

I do.

Do you affirm the loving and good powers of God, in the ways you know God, as we strive together to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ on this spiritual journey we share?

I do.

Will you continue to practice recognizing the Christ in each of us, the one Jesus brought into the world, the Christ that existed long before creation ever stirred?

I will.

Do you promise with God's help, as you know God, to follow in the ways of these teachings; resisting oppression and wrongdoing; bringing your heart of justice and love into the lives of our neighbors; a witness and guide to all – as best as you are able?

I do, with God's help.

Do you affirm your intention to be a faithful member of the Love we share in this Christian tradition, one of God's many paths? and do you affirm your intention to be guided by this Love in furthering the presence and witness of God we are called to bring into the world?

I do.

Will you support and commit your energies and gifts to this congregation, working with us and others on their spiritual journeys and paths to God – from wherever they may come?

I will with God's help.

Friends, please welcome

Barbara Salva as a Member of Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ February 6, 2022



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.

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 lifegiving 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.

Communion The Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Drink

Hymn

"Spirit of the Living God" (Plural)

New Century Hymnal #283

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us; Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.

Please remain standing and join in the "Passing of the Peace."

*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 be seated.)

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

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.

*Hymn "Send Your Spirit to Set Us Free" (Sean Only)
Sing! Prayer and Praise #108

Send your Spirit to set us free, send your Spirit to set us free. Fill our hearts and minds; loose the chains that bind. Send your Spirit to set us free.

Reading 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Even if I can speak in all the tongues of the earth—and those of the angels, too —but do not have love, I am just a noisy gong, a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecies such that I can comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge, or if I have faith great enough to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own to feed those poorer than I, but do not have love, I have nothing.

Love is patient; Love is kind. Love is not jealous, it does not put on airs, and it is not snobbish; It is never rude or self-seeking; It is not prone to anger, nor does it brood over injuries. Love doesn't rejoice in what is wrong, but rejoices in the truth. There is no limit to love's forbearance, to its trust, it's hope, its power to endure.

Love never fails. Prophecies will cease; tongues will be silent; knowledge will pass away. Our knowledge is imperfect, and our prophesying is imperfect. When the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child. But when I became an adult, I put childish ways aside. Now when we see indistinctly, as in a mirror; then we will see face to face. My knowledge is imperfect now; then I will know even as I am known. There are, in the end, three things that last: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Sermon

(Please stand or be seated for the singing of "Church Covenant" and please remain as you are for the Benediction to follow.)

"Church Covenant"

In response to God's love, we covenant with each other...
to be faithful to the demand 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."

Benediction

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude

"Lift Thine Eyes To The Mountains" from the oratorio Elijah by Felix Mendelssohn Arranged by John Bertalot



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 – Mike Jayne
Music Director – Sean Cameron
Trumpet Soloist – James Cesare
Ushers – Elise Cesare and Sue Ryan
Media Team – Karin Conrad, Mark Conrad,
Connie Kauffman, Kathy Leis and Hank Maust

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Today'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"