



Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
February 27, 2022



Welcome and Announcements

Ring the Bell

Prelude "Liebster Jesu, wir sind heir"
(Dearest Jesus, We Are Here) by C.H. Rinck

*Call to Worship
(*Please rise or be seated, as you wish, joining with us in response.)

Transfigured, transformed...
the moment we come together.
It all begins, again. Here. Now.

Hymn "Be Lifted High" Sing! Prayer and Praise #74

Your voice is over the water. Your voice is over the seas.
Your voice is mighty in power and wisdom and charity.
The heavens thunder your glory. The heavens testify.
The heavens shine in the nighttime
for all of the nations a holy light.
And you will be exalted. And you will be lifted high.
And you will be our Loved One forever and ever.
Our God be glorified.

You have called us your people. Have called us together.
You have poured out your spirit and started a fire
within our hearts. (2X)

And you will be exalted. And you will be lifted high.
And you will be our Loved One forever and ever.
You will be exalted. You will be lifted high.

Unison Prayer: "The World We Live In" by Mary Oliver

I have refused to live
locked in the orderly house of
reasons and proofs.

The world I live in and believe in
Is wider than that. And anyway,
what's wrong with *Maybe*?

You wouldn't believe what once or
twice I have seen. I'll just
tell you this:

Only if there are angels in your head will you
ever, possibly, see one.

(Please rise or be seated as you wish, for the singing of
"There is Room for All")

*Hymn "There is Room for All" Sing! Prayer and Praise #76 (2X)

There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
there is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing,
"My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."
There is room for all, there is room for all.

*Passing of the Peace

Friends, welcome to this place of prayer and praise; light and
love, blessings, and benediction! With all this and more in mind,
we greet one another with the Peace of Christ:

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

Let us offer one another a sign of this Peace.

(Please be seated.)

Joys and Concerns...

We take this time now to share our Joys and Concern with one another. 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 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.

(Please rise or be seated as you wish, for the singing of "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding")

First Reading "A Psalm of Seekers" by Ralph "Hank" Maust

Great Power of Creation from which All Being has arisen
We stand in awe of your Creative Power
And marvel at the Wonders you have wrought
Our time is short and our actions in such haste
Would that we were more in harmony with Your Ways
And more gentle with the World from which we're birthed
We long to truly know and live Your Truth
Until our essence flows back among the stars.

Hymn “We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”
 New Century Hymnal #182

We have come at Christ’s own bidding,
to this high and holy place,
Where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God’s grace.
Here we pray for new assurance
that our faith is not in vain,
Searching like those first disciples
for a sign both plain and clear.

Light breaks through our clouds and shadows,
splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel
as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
We, like Peter, find it tempting
to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage
to proclaim what we profess,
That our daily lives may prove us
people of the God we bless.

About eight days after saying this, Jesus took Peter, John and James and went up onto a mountain to pray. While Jesus was praying, his face changed in appearance and the clothes he wore became dazzling white. Suddenly two people were there talking with Jesus—Moses and Elijah. They appeared in glory and spoke of the prophecy that Jesus was about to fulfill in Jerusalem.

Peter and the others had already fallen into a deep sleep, but awakening, they saw Jesus' glory—and the two people who were standing next to him. When the two were leaving, Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, how good it is for us to be here! Let's set up three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah!" Peter didn't really know what he was saying.

While Peter was speaking, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and the disciples grew fearful as the others entered it. Then from the cloud came a voice which said, "This is my Own, My Chosen One. Listen to him."

When the voice finished speaking, they saw no one but Jesus standing there. The disciples kept quiet, telling nothing of what they had seen at that time to anyone.

“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 the Bell

Postlude The Chancel Choir

"If I Looked At You (Would I See The Face Of God?)"

Text from Matthew 25:40

Music by James Ahrend



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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 – Jeanne Newcombe
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*Thank you for being with us today.
Peace. Shalom. Salaam. For the ways of peace are many.
"Namaste"*