



LEADERS BULLETIN

Thank you, Leaders of today's worship!
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ

March 6, 2022



Welcome Announcements

Elise Cesare Susan Ryan, Ushers Ringing the Bell

Sean Prelude "Marche Royale" by Jean-Baptiste Lully
Edited and arranged by S. Drummond Wolff
James Cesare, trumpet soloist

Kris *Call to Worship

Present.
Here. In between the breaths.
Breathe. Pause. Breathe.
There. In the "pause" ...
Be still...
Breathe. Pause. Breathe.
Know how you are Loved.
Breathe. Pause. Breathe.
Love.

(*Please rise or be seated, as you wish, joining with us singing.)

Sean Hymn “Be Still and Know” Sing! Prayer and Praise #111

Be still and know that I am God.
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Calmat tu ser, que soy tú Dios.
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(*Please be seated and join us in prayer.)

Kris Unison Prayer: Adapted from “Roll Back the Stone” by Joseph Gilmore

If Easter is a rock heaved away, then
 Lent is groping for the offending boulder.
Where, where, where in us are we entombed,
 deep, dark down,
 buried in our own years,
 wrapped in our own disappointments,
 anointed with our own fear?
If thou knowest, then come, we beseech thee.
Enter the twilight corridors of our deepest self,
 where a small child remains afraid in the night:
where a stranger hunches, grieving, over something,
 someone lost;
an unknown voice chants a strange and
wonderful story in a low and
beguiling whisper.

*Listen. Between the breaths. Pause. Be still...
the beguiling whisper is there.
[Pause]*

(*Please rise or be seated, as you wish, joining with us singing.)

Sean *Hymn "O God of Love, O God of Peace" New Century Hymnal #571

O God of love, O God of peace,
make wars throughout the world to cease;
The wrath of human wrongs restrain:
Give peace, O God, give peace again!

Remember, God, your works of old,
the wonders that our people told;
Heal every malice, harm and pain:
Give peace, O God, give peace again!

Whom shall we trust, O God, but you?
For you are constant strong and true.
None ever called on you in vain:
Give peace, O God, give peace again!

(*Please remain standing or seated, as you wish.)

Kris Passing of the Peace of Christ

In John 14:27, Jesus said, "Peace I leave you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

Paul, in Philippians 4:7 adds, "And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

The peace we offer one another is an expression, a breath of the peace that Jesus spoke of to the world. Breathe, Pause, Take a breath, and from deep inside the beguiling whispering voice of God in your being, let us offer one another a sign of that peace... that peace.

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

And now, to one another...

(Please be seated.)

Kris Joys and Concerns...

We turn to our Joys and Concerns as we approach this table for our Communion Meal. With the world, we struggle to stir hope in ourselves, while in awe of the determination of the Ukrainian people. We pray to find ways to reverse the insanity that has gripped the invaders of their land and the one that leads the criminals of this war.

We offer our gifts as we may in supporting the Ukrainians and all who help them, all while we remember the beauty of their courageous and loving hearts reflected in the bright flowers of their land, one of them, the sunflower (thank you Pat Mahar).

And we grieve because it will take more than flowers to end this...still,

in the stillness of our hearts, may we find ways in which these flowers bring hope, as *flower power* has done before.

So, we begin our prayers today with hope for the Ukrainian people and deep sorrow for their loss, and prayers that move the actions needed to end the war.

May we hear your prayers...

Ray Holy Communion: Come to the Table

Friends, we bring all these prayers to this table. We *abide* in this Communion we share in this break from the world and its power. We pause from our goings and comings and breathe in the presence of the Holy Spirit that surely filled Jesus in his life, especially that last night; the Spirit that fills us in our life, surely in this moment.

Come, stand or be seated as you wish, and join in a gathering song:

Sean Hymn
Century Hymnal #346

“Bread in the World, Mercy Broken”

New

Bread of the world, in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
look on the tears by sinners shed,
And be your feast to us the token
that by your grace our lives are fed.

Ray Words of Institution and Sharing of The Meal

Ray Prayer of Thanksgiving

(*Please rise or be seated, as you wish, joining with us singing.)

Ray 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 remain standing or seated, as you wish, joining with us singing.)

Sean Hymn "Again We Keep This Solemn Fast"
New Century Hymnal #187, vss. 1, 4

Again we keep this solemn fast,
a gift of faith from ages past,
This Lent which binds us lovingly
to faith and hope and charity.

We pray, O blessed Three-in-One,
Our God while endless ages run,
That this, our Lent of forty days,
may bring us growth and give you praise.

Kris Gospel Reading Luke 4:1-13 (The Inclusive Bible Version)

Jesus returned from the Jordan filled with the Holy Spirit, and He led him into the desert for 40 days, where he was tempted by the Tempter. Jesus ate nothing during that time, at the end of which he was famished.

The Tempter said to Jesus, "If you are God's Own, command this stone to turn into bread." Jesus answered, "Scripture has it, 'We don't live on bread alone.' "

Then the Tempter took Jesus up higher and showed him all the nations of the world in a single instant. The Tempter said, "I'll give you all the power and the glory of these nations; the power has been given to me and I can give it to whomever I wish. Prostrate yourself in homage before me, and it will all be yours."

In reply, Jesus said, "Scripture has it:

'You will worship the most high God;
God alone will you adore.' "



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

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

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Thank you for being with us today.

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

"Namaste"