



LEADER & ONLINE BULLETIN

Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
The Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 3, 2022



Jenna Announcements

Good morning Everyone,

My name is Jenna Murphy and “Welcome”! all who are here in our sanctuary and joining us online. It is good to be together!

If you are online, just a reminder that this morning’s bulletin can be found on our website at sayvilleucc.org, as well as past and future bulletins and broadcasts of our worship.

So, all you gathered near and far – welcome to this place of love in this time of Lent and a world that needs our love, prayers and inspired action in more ways than we can say. We come together to ask for guidance in how we can better serve others and to celebrate the lives we share.

We have just a few announcements before we get started:

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and we will be distributing palms as part of worship.

Today, however, we are excited to invite you to our hospitality hour following worship in our Vestry - the first time in two years! Thank you to the Sanctuary Return Committee for organizing today's repast. Please join us if you can!

And, at 11:30, we will have our Talk back in the Vestry and online. We will provide this "blended Talk Back", as we transition to a time when we once again meet in the sanctuary.

This morning, a special note of appreciation to James Cesare our trumpet soloist and to **Sean who originally created the video** for our postlude during our "pandemic broadcasts". We've updated the piece a bit to play live alongside our magnificent Chancel Choir and this morning's performance of "Huddled Masses" by Shaina Taub.

We also thank Patricia Mahar and Fran Bergmann who set our Communion Table, **Sue Lanchantin** who schedules our liturgists and manages our "narthex operations"; and to all who participate in today's worship and hospitality.

Also, a great note of thanks to our Media Team who direct our graphics media during worship and broadcasts the livestreaming of worship so others who are unable to be here – can be with us from home, other venues or their travels. Thank you to Kathy Leis and Karen and Mark Conrad, Hank Maust on remote audio, and Connie Kauffman as our back-up. If you would like to be a part of this team – please speak to any of these folks or to Ray.

Are there any other announcements...

We give thanks especially for your being with us today, and we continue worship this morning on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, with the ringing of the bell...

Ushers Ringing the Bell

Sean Prelude "Trumpet Tune"

by Jeremiah Clarke

James Cesare, trumpet soloist

Please rise or remain seated and join us in reading this morning's Call to Worship

Jenna *Call to Worship (from *Standing in Our Own Light*, Joseph H. Gilmore)

Most welcoming God:
hold thy laughter
yet a little while,
long enough for us to learn
the richness and the grace
in the neighborhood
(and the self)
where we already are,
in our own light
here to pray. To you. Together.

Please remain as you are and join us in singing our opening hymn.

Sean

Hymn "Come, God, Creator, Be Our Shield" New Century Hymnal #68

Come, God, Creator, be our shield
the One to whom our cares we yield;
And in our worship, faith impart
your grace and calm to every heart.

Come, gracious Jesus, be our guest,
our morning joy, our evening rest;
And in our daily lives impart
your love and peace to every heart.

Come, Holy Spirit, be our guide,
our strength to risk against the tide,
That in God's world we shall impart,
your light and love to every heart.

Please be seated and join us in reading this morning's Unison Prayer

Jenna

Unison Prayer (Adapted from *The Half We Need*, Joseph H. Gilmore)

Most surprising God: who can ever know
why, (once upon a time), weary of darkling silence
you revealed yourself in fire and wind?
At the farthest, retreating edge of the universe,
the echo of your first word can still be heard:
"Let there be!"

In the most ancient of ways, come thou again.
Come leaping upon us. Call up the fire in us,
Dormant embers in some far corner of the heart;
for brightness and heat trail thee now as ever,
and we need these as surely as earth
needs the flaming sun if there is to be
Morning.

Come blowing against us, over us,
huge, hopeful wind, untamable and sacred spirit. Come.

Jenna Assurance of God's Love

One fact remains always that does not change: God has loved us, loves now, and will love us always. This is the good news. Good news that brings us new life, every moment of every day.

Jenna Passing of the Peace of Christ

With this Good News in mind:
May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please rise or remain seated and join us singing "Love Has Come"

Sean Hymn "Love Has Come" Sing! Prayer and Praise #110. vs. 1, 2, 3

With one voice the angels sing,
songs that make creation ring.
Prophets hear and call us to
live in spirit and in truth.

(Chorus)

Word of God enthroned,
dwell in us forever evermore.
Love has come to show the way.
Hallelujah, peace be with us.
Love has come to show the way.

God Creator Elohim,
voice if thunder, spirit, wind:
breathe on me your very life;
grace will make the shadows bright. (Chorus)

God of Covenant, divine,
lead us to the end of time,
beyond sorrow, beyond fear,
beyond pride and earthen tears. (Chorus)

Jenna **Please be seated.** Joys and Concerns...

May we now hear your joys and concerns...

Ray Holy Communion: Come to the Table

Friends, we come to this table in prayer. 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.

Words of Institution and Sharing of The Meal

Ray Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.

Sean Moment for Meditation New Century Hymnal #772
Text: The Taizé Community; based on the writings of St. Teresa of Avila

Nada te turbe nada te espante. Quien a Dios tiene nada le falta.
Nada te turbe nada te espante. Solo Dios basta.

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. God alone fills us.

Jenna Gospel Reading John 12:1-8

Six days before Passover, Jesus entered Bethany where Lazarus, so recently raised from the dead, was living. Lazarus and his sisters invited Jesus to dinner at their home. Martha served. Lazarus was one of those sitting at the table with them. Mary came in with a jar of very expensive aromatic oils, anointed and massaged Jesus' feet, and then wiped them with her hair. The fragrance of the oils filled the house.

Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples, even then getting ready to betray him, said, "Why wasn't this oil sold and the money given to the poor? It would have easily brought three hundred silver pieces." He said this not because he cared two cents about the poor but because he was a thief. He was in charge of their common funds, but also embezzled them.

Jesus said, "Let her alone. She's anticipating and honoring the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you. You don't always have me."

Ray Sermon

Sean "Church Covenant"

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

Ray Benediction

Ushers Ringing the Bell

Sean Postlude "Huddled Masses"

Words and Music by Shaina Taub



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.

Today's Worship Leadership

Liturgist – Jenna Murphy

Music Director – Sean Cameron

Trumpet Soloist – James Cesare

Ushers – Elise Cesare and Susan 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!

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

“Namaste”