



*Easter Sunday
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
April 17, 2022*



Pay attention! Be astonished! Tell about it!
~Mary Oliver

Introit “Intrada, op. 111a” by Jean Sibelius

Chancel Choir Choral Prelude “An Easter Chant” by Gordon Young

Welcome & Call to Worship

Please rise or remain seated, as you wish.

Gracious Easter God!
Be with us in this world, especially now.
Fill us and call us with your Resurrection glory.
Set the stones aside
 that we only think are in our way.
Be with us in this world, especially now.
Gracious Easter God.

Amen.

Thank you. Please remain as you are and join with us in singing our opening hymn “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”.

Hymn “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”
 New Century Hymnal # 240 vs. 1, 2, 3

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

To the tomb the women bring, Alleluia!
Spices rich, an offering, Alleluia!
Asking where might Jesus be, Alleluia!
Jesus come to set us free, Alleluia!

There the angel clothed in white, Alleluia!
Tells the news with great delight, Alleluia!
This the news the angel gives, Alleluia!
That the Sovereign glorious lives, Alleluia!

Please be seated and share in the reading our Unison Prayer

Unison Prayer “Surely This is the Day,”
by Joseph H. Gilmore

O Thou wondrous, Easter God,
whom space cannot contain
nor time weary;
Thou who art earlier than our living
and later than our dying:

Surely this is a day for a triumphant shout.
For like mourners at dawn
having come prepared
to anoint the lifeless remains
of goodness, gentleness, humility
and truth,
we are astonished by Thy power
and blinded by Thy grace.
Hallelujah!

What dies at the hands
of corrupt authority,
blind arrogance
and insatiable violence,
is raised up by the hands
that laid the foundations of the earth.

On this glad morning,
we stand as at the First Day –
life is again a garden
and not a jungle.
Thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory
forever!

Assurance of God's Love

Sacrament of Baptism

The Lee Family

Hymn "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" NCH #351

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
I'll be there in case you wander off
and find where trouble dwells.

When you found the wonder of the Word,
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living God,
to whom you now belong.
Should you find someone
To share your time and you join your
hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your
verses rhyme from dusk
till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life,
Not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night
Complete what I've begun.
When the evening closes in and you
Shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been
With just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

Passing of the Peace

Friends, please rise or be seated as you wish.

Now, filled the joy of this family all those gathered here and at home, we extend our love in this way...

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace!

Friends, please be seated


Joys and Concerns

Friends, we now invite you to share your Joys and Concerns. Please wait for Ray, who will listen for your petitions and repeat them for all to hear, as we return to our safe practice of not passing a microphone. Let us hear your Joys and Concerns.

The Prayer of Jesus

Chancel Choir Choral Anthem "Easter Prayer, Open the Tomb"
by James Ahrend

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:1-12

n the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women came to the tomb bringing the spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled back from the tomb; but when they entered the tomb, they didn't find the body of Jesus. While they were still at a loss over what to think of this, two figures in dazzling garments stood beside them. Terrified, the women bowed to the ground. The two said to them, "Why do you search for the Living One among the dead? Jesus is not here; Christ has risen. Remember what Jesus said to you while still in Galilee—that the Chosen One must be delivered into the hands of sinners and be crucified, and on the third day would rise again." With this reminder, the words of Jesus came back to them. When they had returned from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but the story seemed like nonsense and they refused to believe them. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. He stooped down, but he could see nothing but the wrappings. So he went away, full of amazement at what had occurred.

Easter thoughts "Just when you thought things would never get better..."
Pastor Ray Bagnuolo



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

Deacon Elders & Deacon Trustees

Sanctuary Readiness Angels!

The Chancel Choir and Sean Cameron, Music Director

Liturgist – Michael Jayne; Ushers – Gail Acker, Judie Jayne, Sue Lanchantin

Media Team – Stephen McGee, Connie Kauffman, Hank Maust,

The Jayne Family, Captain Bill, and Sayville Ferry for our
Sunrise Meditation on the Great South Bay

Laura Heaney and our Polish Breakfast Committee

The Cunningham Family for Our Easter Egg Hunt “on the lawn”.

Larua Weyant, Building and Grounds

Happy Easter!

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Peace. Shalom. Salaam. For the ways of peace are many. “Namaste”