



Second Sunday of Easter
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
April 24, 2022



Welcome

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

Please rise or remain seated, as you wish.

Call to Worship from “The Prophet” by Kahil Gibran

“Almustafa, the chosen and the beloved, who was a dawn unto his own day, hadwaited twelve years in the city of Orphalse for his ship that was to return and bear him back to the isle of his birth.

“And in the twelfth year, on the seventh day of Lelool, the month of reaping, he climbed the hill without the city walls and looked seaward; and he beheld his ship coming with the mist.

“Then the gates of his heart were flung open, and his joy flew far over the sea. And he closed his eyes and prayed in the silences of his soul.”

Come, let us pray from the silnces of our souls and the sound of our voices, shared in this community of loving hearts.

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

Hymn “Here in this Place” Sing! Prayer and Praise #5

Holy One may your presence here open our minds
May your Spirit among us help us to find you rising up now
like a fountain of grace from the holy ground,
here in this place. Here in this place. (Repeat)

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

Unison Prayer

“While they were talking”
on their way to Emmaus
Jesus stood with them.
They didn’t know who he was,
so caught up in their loss and grief.
And then, in a word – Jesus’ words –
everything changed.

We seek our word.
The word for us.
The word that changes everything.
With that word and our voice,
more than we know
is set into motion
and, yes, the world changes –
everything changes.

With just a word.

Assurance of God's Love

Please rise or be seated, as you wish...

Passing of the Peace

Friends, please rise or be seated as you wish.

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 remain standing and join in singing.

Hymn "Come Sweet Justice" Sing! Prayer and Praise #137

The world is hungry for justice, God's word will point the way.
The One who came to speak the truth, to challenge those who say:
that we need not care for strangers, the sick, the lost, the poor,
the voiceless ones, the outcast, the honored guests of God.

O come, O come, sweet justice come.
O come, O come, sweet justice come.

When will we learn how to see them, each one a child of God?
When will our voices raise for them, demand their stories heard?
Do we wait until all hope is gone, their songs die away?
With passion we must rise up, risk in the name of God.

O come, O come, sweet justice come.
O come, O come, sweet justice come.

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 from The New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book (He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa)

*Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father, Mother, Guardian of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:*

*The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.*

*With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.*

*For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever.*

Amen.

Reading: The Revelation of Jesus Christ (Revelations) 1:4-8

From John, to the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you, from the One who is, who was, and who is to come, from the seven spirits before the throne and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the Firstborn from the dead, sovereign of the rulers of the earth. To Christ—who loves us, and who has freed us from our sins by the shedding of blood, and who has made us to be a kingdom of priests to serve our God and Creator—to Jesus Christ be glory and power forever and ever! Amen. Look! Christ is coming on the clouds for every eye to see, even those who pierced Jesus, and all the peoples of the earth will mourn over Christ. So be it! Amen. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says our God, “Who is, who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Provocation “The word is...”

“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.”

Benediction

Ushers The Bell is Rung

Chancel Choir Postlude



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.

Thank you!

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