



The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
May 15, 2022

Choir, Media, Leaders

*All things by immortal power,
Near or far,
Hiddenly
to each other linkéd are,
That thou canst not str a flower
Without the troubling of a star.*

*by Francis Thomson
19th Century English Poet*

Elise and James Cesare The Bell is Rung

Sean Prelude "Here Comes the Sun"
Words and Music by George Harrison

Connie Call to Worship

Please rise or remain seated, as you wish and join me in this morning's "Call to Worship":

There is power in attraction,
more so than promotion.
To be welcomed, affirmed, safe and loved
needs no campaign – just
the open hands and hearts
we extend to all.
Come, let us worship God
together, all.

*Friends, welcome to this place where the God we seek in the ways we know
God—guides us to the water of life in all its mysteries. Come, join in song, as
we sing our opening hymn:*

Hymn "To God Compose a Song of Joy"
New Century Hymnal #36, vs. 1, 3, 6

To God compose a song of joy; to God make melody,
Whose arm of strength does wondrous things,
whose hand brings victory!

In every corner of the earth, God comes to save and free;
Break forth with shouts of holy joy;
all lands make melody.

The God of Justice comes to save; let earth make melody;
For God will judge with righteousness
and rule with equity.

Connie Unison Prayer

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

May all beings attain happiness.
May all beings be free from suffering.
May all beings never be separated from joy.
May all beings abide in equanimity, justice and love.

Silence for a moment.

Connie Assurance of God's Love & Abundant Grace

Friends we are assured of God's love simply by remembering its presence and embracing its inexhaustible eternal presence...

Please rise....

Connie Passing of the Peace

With this and more in mind...

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.

Sean & Chancel Choir Musical Praise

Connie Joys and Concerns

Friends, we now invite you to share your Joys and Concerns. Please wait for Ray, who will listen for your prayers and repeat them for all to hear.

Connie

Please remain seated and join me in praying The Prayer of Jesus from the New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book

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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 forever. Amen.

Connie Reading: Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18

The apostles and the community in Judea heard that Gentiles, too, had accepted the word of God. As a result, when Peter went up to Jerusalem, some of the Jewish believers took issue with him. “So you have been visiting the Gentiles and eating with them, have you?” they said.

Peter then explained the whole affair to them step by step from the beginning: “One day when I was in the town of Joppa, I fell into a trance while at prayer and had a vision of something like a big sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners. This sheet came quite close to me. I watched it intently and saw in it all sorts of animals and wild beasts—everything possible that could walk, crawl or fly. Then I heard a voice that said to me, ‘Now, Peter, make your sacrifice and eat.’ I replied, ‘I can’t, my God. Nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth!’ And a second time the voice spoke from heaven, ‘Don’t call profane what God has made clean.’ This happened three times, then the sheet and what was in it was drawn up to heaven again.

“Just at that moment, three couriers stopped outside the house where we were staying; they had been sent from Caesarea to fetch me, and the Spirit told me to have no hesitation about returning with them. These six believers came with me as well, and we entered Cornelius’ house. He told us he had seen an angel standing in the house who had said, ‘Send messengers to Joppa and bring back Simon, known as Peter; he has a message for you that will save you and your entire household.’

“I had hardly begun to speak when the Holy Spirit came down on them in the same way she came on us in the beginning, and I remembered what Christ had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. I realized then that God was giving them the same gift that had been given to us when we came to believe in our Savior Jesus Christ. An who am I to stand in God’s way?’”

This account satisfied them, and they gave glory to God, saying, “God has granted the repentance that leads to life—even to Gentiles!”

Sean & Chancel Choir Musical Praise

Liturgist waits for the choir to be seated before beginning the reading

Ray *Provocation*

Sean Hymn “In the Midst of New Dimensions”
New Century Hymnal #391, vs, 1, 3, 5

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways.

Refrain

God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
we your people ours the journey now and ever,
now and ever, now and ever more,

As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,
Grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams.
(*Refrain*)

Should the threats of diet predictions cause us to withdraw in pain, may
your blazing Phoenix spirit resurrect the church again. (*Refrain*)

Sean Receiving of Offerings and Doxology

Ray Benediction and 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."

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Sean 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"