



The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
May 22, 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

Jane and Marion MacGowan

The Bell is Rung

James Prelude

Jenna Call to Worship from Psalm 67

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

With powerful deeds of justice
You answer us, God, our Deliverer,
In whom all the ends of the earth
And the farthest seas put their trust.

You set the mountains in place by your power,
Having armed yourself with might.
You still the roaring of the seas,
The roaring of the waves and the tumult of the peoples.

*Still in us, Gracious God, that which we fear.
Grow in us, that which we seek to be.
Guide us in all the ways of compassion and justice,
Mercy and love. Fill us with courage – not of self –
But of you in this and these selves of ours.*

With powerful deeds of justice
You answer us, God, our Deliverer.
To all the ends of the earth,
We place our trust in you.

*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:*

James

Hymn

“Loves Divine, All Love Excelling”
New Century Hymnal #43

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven on earth be found.
Fix in us a humble dwelling, all your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, you are all compassion; pure unbounded love impart.
Visit us with your salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit into every troubled breast.
Let us all in you inherit, let us find your promised rest;
Take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty

Come, almighty, to deliver, let us all your life receive;
Suddenly return and never, nevermore your temples leave.
You we would be always blessing, love you as your angels love,
Pray and praise for your unfailing, wounded arms outstretched above.

Finish then, your new creation; pure and spotless may we prove;
Let us see your great salvation perfectly restored in you;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Crowned as saints, we ever shall be lost in wonder, love and praise.

Jenna Unison Prayer (Adapted from John 3:8)
Please be seated and join us in reading this morning's Unison Prayer.

On the wings of Love
"... blows the wind where it chooses.
We hear its sound, mostly,
but we don't know from where it comes
or to where it goes..."

It is in this wind, the coming and going,
here and everywhere
that we meet our present and forever
and mysterious God together.
On the wings of Love.
Our wings. All our wings.

Jenna Assurance of God's Love & Abundant Grace

*Friend's we are assured of God's love simply by remembering its presence
and embracing its inexhaustible eternal presence...
Please rise....*

Jenna 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.

James & Chancel Choir Musical Praise

Sacrament of Baptism

James 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.

Jenna 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.

Jenna

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

The Prayer of Jesus from The New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book

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.

James & Chancel Choir Musical Praise

Jenna Gospel Reading: John 5:1-9

[A while later], there was a Jewish festival and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem, near the Sheep Gate, there is a pool with five porticoes; its Hebrew name is Bethesda. The place was crowded with sick people—those who were blind, lame or paralyzed—lying there waiting for the water to move. An angel of God would come down to the pool from time to time, to stir up the water; the first one to step in after it had been stirred up would be completely healed.

One person there had been sick for thirty-eight years. Jesus, who knew this person had been sick for a long time, said, “Do you want to be healed?”

“Rabbi, the sick one answered, “I don’t have anyone to put me into the pool once the water has been stirred up. By the time I get there, someone else has gone in ahead of me.”

Jesus replied, “Stand up! Pick up your mat and walk.”

The individual was immediately healed and picked up the mat and walked away.

This happened on a Sabbath.

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

Ray *Provocation*

James

Hymn

“My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff”
New Century Hymnal #418

My faith, it is an oaken staff, the traveler’s well-loved aid;
My faith, it is a song of trust, sustains me undismayed.
I’ll travel on and still be stirred by silent thought or social word;
By all my perils undeterred, a pilgrim unafraid.

My guide is Jesus Christ, whose steps, when travelers have trod.
Whether beneath flinty rock or yielding grassy sod
They carried on their joys unspent,
 through pain and trial they onward went.
Unstayed by pleasure, still they bent their zealous course to God.

My faith it is an oaken staff, O let me on it lean.
My faith provides the ground of hope, supports a purpose keen.
Your Spirit, God, upon me send, that I may be what you intend.
With patient courage, we’ll contend as radiant saints serene.

James

Receiving of Offerings and Doxology

James 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

Jane and Marion MacGowan The Bell is Rung

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"