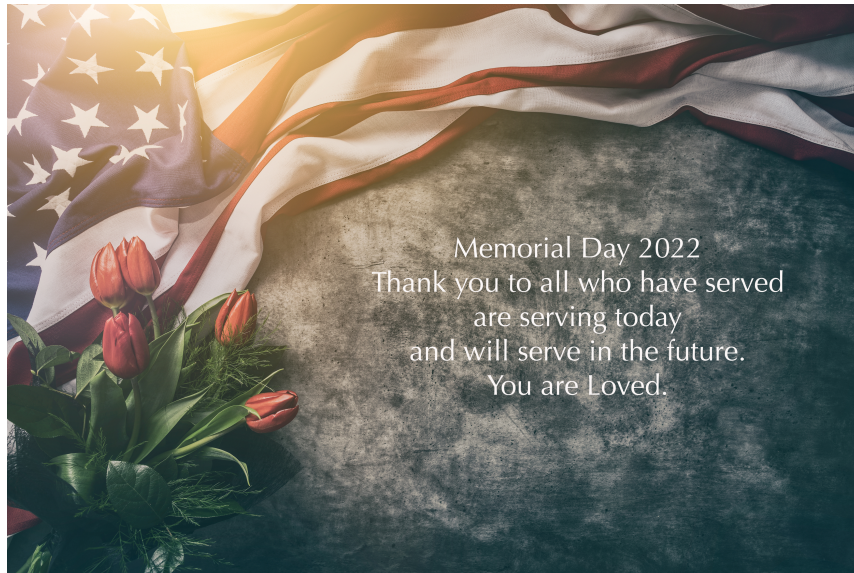




The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
May 29, 2022
Leaders



Hilda & Lorraine The Bell is Rung

Sean Prelude "America the Beautiful" by Samuel Augustus Ward

Patricia Call to Worship

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

We pray for those who serve through all times.
We worship knowing that all things good and meaningful
require sacrifice.
We give thanks for all who have given and give now
of themselves in protecting and nurturing and loving...
Come. Join us in praise and prayer and thanks
as we worship together.

Friends, welcome to this place where we come humbly before the God we seek. Join us in song, as we sing our opening hymn.

Hymn

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

New Century Hymnal #25 vs. 1, 2, 4, 6

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the presence of your love your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your love alone, and our defense is sure.

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Still be our God while troubles last, and our eternal home.

Patricia

Unison Prayer

Compassionate God,
we come to you seeking solace.
We confess our forgetfulness in loving one another –
the cause of all conflicts.

How often do we remember wars
without remembering war's tragic human cost?
If only we could remember that your love, all-embraced,
would end all mortal violence.

It is such love that is worth any sacrifice.

Help us to know what that requires of us, so that [we, too]
May *do* justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you.

Patricia 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....

Patricia 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 "Simple Gifts" Traditional
Arranged by John

Coates, Jr.

Patricia 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.

Patricia

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.

Patricia First Reading from Psalm 97 (Excerpted and Adapted)

Light dawns for the just,
And joy for the upright in heart.
Rejoice in YHWH, you just,
And give praise to God's holy Name.

Let the sea and all within it thunder;
the world and all its peoples [too].
Let rivers clap their hands
And hills ring out their joy.

Let Love come, God's Love embraced
By one and all – for one and all.

Sean and Chancel Choir
Keep You"
Rutter

Musical Praise "The Lord Bless You and
by John

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

Patricia Gospel Reading: John 17:20-26

[Jesus, speaking to Abba God, on behalf of those he has asked to follow him...]

“Consecrate them –
make them holy through the truth –
for your word is truth.
As you have sent me into the world;
so I have sent them into the world;
I consecrate myself now for their sakes,
that they may be made holy in truth.
I don’t pray for them alone.
I pray also for those
who will believe in me through their message,
that all may be one –
I in them, you in me –
That they may be made perfect in unity.
Then the world will know that you sent me,
And that you loved them as you loved me.
Abba, I ask that those you gave me
May be here with me,
so they can see this glory of mine
which is your gift to me,
because of the love you had for me
before the foundation of the world.

Righteous One, the world hasn't known you,
but I have;
and these people know
that you sent me.
To them I have revealed your Name,
and I will continue to reveal it
so that the love you have for me
may live in them,
just as I may live in them."

Ray *Provocation*

Sean Hymn "Enter in the Realm of God"
New Century Hymnal #615 vs. 1, 2, 3, 1

Enter in the realm of God. It has come, and yet will be.
It is known and yet unknown. Christ revealed its mystery.

In communities that serve, and among the saints who care,
there is justice for the poor, and new freedom from despair.

God has loved and so we love, and we give that all may share
in the healing God supplies, in good news that we declare.

Enter in the realm of God. It has come, and yet will be.
It is known and yet unknown. Christ revealed its mystery.

Sean Receiving of Offerings and Doxology

Ray Benediction

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."

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Sean Postlude "Hymn to Freedom" by Oscar Peterson



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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"