

Leaders BULLETIN

Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 17, 2021



Karen Welcoming...

Good morning, all and welcome to this morning's worship, we are glad you are here.

My name is Karen Maust, and we welcome you to this morning's worship, whether you are joining us in-person, online, or viewing this later. However that might be, you are welcome here – long before you arrive.

We begin this morning with some brief announcements, starting with a "minute for mission" from the Chairperson of our Justice Action Committee, Jean Newcombe.

Following Jean – are there any other announcements, please wait for the microphone so that those at home can hear...

Thank you and thank you to Kris Minschke who will bring this morning's message. Ray is in Rochester, New York, participating in a Memorial Service for The Rev. Bruce E. Billman, his friend who died in March of this year. Our prayers are with Bruce's family and friends, Ray and for his safe travels back to Sayville.

Let us begin worship, now, with the ringing of the bell...

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Usher The Bell is Rung

Sean Prelude

Karen Call to Worship Albert Camus

Please listen or join me in reciting our Call to Worship:

In the midst of hate, I found there was within me,
an invincible love.

In the midst of tears, I found there was within me,
an invincible smile.

In the midst of chaos, I found there was within me,
an invincible calm.

I realized, through it all, that in the midst of winter,
I found there was within me,
an invincible summer.

And that makes me happy. For it says that no matter how hard the world
pushes against me, there is something stronger, something better,
pushing right back.

*Come, friends, together, as we join in the invincible nature and promise
of worship, prayer and song.*

Sean "Simple Gifts" Written by Shaker Elder Joseph Brackett

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Karen Unison Prayer “Wild Geese” by Mary Oliver

You do not have to be good.
You do not have to walk on your knees
for a hundred miles through the desert repenting.
You only have to let the soft animal of your body
 love what it loves.
Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you about mine.
Meanwhile the world goes on.
Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain
are moving across the landscapes,
over the prairies and the deep trees,
the mountains and the rivers.
Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,
are heading home again.
Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,
the world offers itself to your imagination,
calls to you like wild geese, harsh and exciting—
over and over announcing your place
in the family of things.

Sean Hymn “Come and Fill” Sing! Prayer and Praise #34

Come and fill all my life,
Come and fill all my life.
Each and every tender place:
Holy Breath, move through me.

Come and fill all my life,
Come and fill all my life.
Pouring gently, rushing strong:
Holy Breath, move through me.

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Karen Joys & Concerns

In John 13:34-35 Jesus says to the disciples: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you so must you love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

There are many ways we love one another; One of those ways we practice love is to pray. Prayer, many say, is an act of love.

And so, we invite you to share our love in yours, as we remember and listen to you name those who are in your hearts and on your minds this morning...

May we hear your prayers, your joys, your concerns....

Karen will circulate with the Microphone...and Karen will close with the Prayer of Jesus from The New Zealand Prayer Book:

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Parent, Guardian Guide of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo 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.

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Karen Passing of the Peace

Friends, let us share this morning's peace with one another and all the world and those beyond...

May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you...

Karen Reading Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c The Inclusive Bible

Bless YHWH , my soul!
YHWH, my God, how great you are!
Clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in a robe of light,
you stretch the heavens out like a tent.
You lay the beams for your palace on the waters above;
you use the clouds as your chariot
and ride on the wings of the wind;
you use the winds as messengers
and fiery flames as attendants.
You fixed the earth on its foundations
so it can never totter,
and wrapped it with the Deep as with a robe,
the waters overtopping the mountains.
At your rebuke the waters bolted,
fleeing at the sound of your thunder,
cascading over the mountains, into the valleys,
down to the reservoir you made for them;
you imposed boundaries they must never cross
so they would never again flood the land.

YHWH, what variety you have created,
arranging everything so wisely!
The earth is filled with your creativity!
Bless YHWH, my soul!

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Kris Today's Message "Random Acts of Kindness"

Sean "Autumn Leaves" (*Les Feuilles mortes*)
by Yves Montand and Irène Joachim

Kris Benediction -Words from Shel Silverstein

Listen to the mustn'ts child
Listen to the don'ts.

Listen to the should'nts,
the impossible, the won'ts.

Listen to the never haves,
then listen close to me...

Anything can happen, child
Anything can be.

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."

Usher Ringing of the Bell

Sean Postlude The Chancel Choir

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For more than a century and a half, Sayville's Congregational Church has served families on the South Shore and been a voice for the progressive Protestant tradition. An original member of the United Church of Christ since it was established in 1957, today we continue to celebrate God's love, to speak for the oppressed, and to welcome those seeking a spiritual home. To learn about our congregation and membership, please speak with any deacon.

Today's Worship Leadership

Liturgist – Karen Maust

Music Director – Sean Cameron

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Thank you for being with us today.

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

“Namaste”

Please contact Heather if you have questions or need any additional help.