



First Sunday after Pentecost
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
June 12, 2022



Welcome

"Find your color(s), your soul, your "you" here, where Love is."

Welcome

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude "Bein' Green"
 Words and Music by Joe Raposo

Call to Worship

Please remain seated for this morning's "Call to Worship" video, with words from Patricia Mahar.

Patricia Mahar, June 28, 2020

Please remain as you are and join with us in singing our opening hymn, "Song of the Soul".

Song of the Soul

Cris Williamson

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♩ = 120

A E Bm7 E Bm7

1. Love of my life I am cry - ing I am not dy - ing I am
 2. What do you do for your liv - ing? Are you for - giv - ing, giv - ing
 3. Come to your life like a war - rior, no - thing can bore yer, you can be

7 Bm E A A6 E Bm E

danc - ing. Danc - ing a - long in the mad - ness, there is no sad ness,
 shelt - er? Fol - low your heart love will find you, truth will un - bind you,
 hap - py. Let in the light it will heal you, and you can feel you, and

14 Bm7 E A E A D

on - ly a song of the soul And we'll sing this song, why don't you sing a -
 sing out a song of the soul.
 sing out a song of the soul.

23 A F#m Bm E D A D6 A

long and we can sing for a long, long time

32 A E A D A

Why don't you sing this song, why don't you sing a long,

40 F#m Bm E D A C#m D7 E7 A C#m D7

and we can sing for a long, long time.

52 E7 C#m F#m Bm E E7 D C#m A

and we can sing for a long, long time.

Please be seated and join us in this morning's prayer built on comments by South Africa's Nobel peace laureate, the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Unison Prayer *Please join in praying...if you wish.*

*I would refuse to go to a homophobic
[transphobic, queerphobic] heaven.
I would say, No, sorry, I would much rather
go to the other place.
I would not worship such a narrow God
and that is how deeply I feel about this.
I am as passionate about these rights for our Queer family,
as I ever was about apartheid. For me: it is at the same level.
People are literally paying for their love with their lives.*

This is ours. This passion. Is ours.
This steadfast love for all that joins us – joins us forever.
It is what strengthens us in sorrow and encourages us in joy.
It is what we are called to in serving one another, to...

Do justice.
Love mercy.
Walk humbly with our God." (Micah 6:8)

It is the answer to the question, "Why?"
The question is, "Will we?"
The answer must be, "Yes."
However we may, "Yes."

Please rise as you wish...

Assurance of God's Love & Passing of the Peace

Yes. Know this assurance of God's Love as God's "Yes" to us,
as we share the peace from our affirmations with "Yes" to one
another:

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.

Joys and Concerns

Friends, we now invite you to share your Joys and Concerns.

The Prayer of Jesus

Friends, as we pray please create space for the many who reach out to God in so many ways. If these words do not warm or comfort you, please, pray with the words that do, knowing the appreciation that is shared for your generosity in praying for a moment as others may, in an expression of kindness, mercy and justice.

Adapted by Ray Bagnuolo from
"The Lord's Prayer for Transgender Awareness"
written by Rev. Kim Sorrells and posted on Believe Out Loud
www.believeoutloud.com.

Our Creator, Guardian, Great Spirit God
in whom we move and have our being,
the holiness of your name shines forth
in the diversity of the humanity we share.

May your will be the way we live,
the way we invite others to live.

Grant that our Transgender and Queer siblings,
have fullness of love and life, in all the same ways we wish
for one another.

Forgive us in the ways we have fallen short,
in our actions, demeanor and welcoming.

Help us forgive those who have failed us.

Lead us away from the temptation of complacency,
leading us instead in the ways of courage and compassion,
for your justice and love is for all.

Now and forever. Amen

First Reading from Proverbs (Proverbs 8:1-4, 12-14, 22)

Doesn't Wisdom call?
Doesn't Understanding raise her voice?
On the hills along the road,
at crossroads, she takes a stand;
beside the city gates of the town,
in the gates themselves, she cries out,
"People everywhere,
I'm calling out to you!
I cry out to all of humankind!"
I, Wisdom, am the habitat of sound judgment,
the source of clear thinking.
To revere YHWH is to abhor evil.
I despise pride and arrogance,
corrupt behavior and deceptive words.
I have a good counsel and sound judgment;
I have understanding and power as well.
YHWH gave birth to me at the beginning,
before the first acts of creation.
I have been from everlasting, in the beginning,
before the world began."

Chancel Choir Musical Praise "For the Beauty of the Earth"
Words by F.S. Pierpoint
Music by John Rutter

Gospel Reading from the Gospel of John (John 16:12-15)

(Jesus said)

“I have much more to tell you, but you can’t bear to hear it now. When the Spirit of truth comes, she will guide you into all truth. She won’t speak on her own initiative; rather, she’ll speak only what she hears, and she’ll announce to you things that are yet to come. In doing this, the Spirit will give glory to me, for she will take what is mine and reveal it to you. Everything that Abba God has belongs to me. This is why I said that the Spirit will take what is mine and reveal it to you.”

Homily

Emmanuel



“God with Us”

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.”

Ringling of the Bell

Postlude

"The Rainbow Connection"

Words and Music by

Paul Williams and Kenneth Ascher



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"