



*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
July 24, 2022*

Liturgist & Media Team

Rainbow Slide

Welcome & Announcements

Good morning, Friends! Welcome, whether you are joining us in person or online! We are happy you are here.

First, please be sure to take care of yourself during these sweltering summer days. There is cold water in our refrigerator, which you are welcome to take and bring into the sanctuary at any time. If you would like one now, please raise your hand and Ray will bring a bottle to you before we start.

Pause...

Also, the air conditioning is on in the Vestry. If you need to cool down, please move into the Vestry at any time. The audio of worship is played over the speakers, so you should be able to hear us. *Speaking of hearing us*, if the fans in the sanctuary make it hard for you to hear, please raise your hand during the service and we will either raise our voices or lower the fan speed...we are trying to figure this out until, one day, maybe...we are able to air condition this beautiful sanctuary. One day...

All that said, if during these next days of the heat wave you need anything, anything...please give our office or one of our deacons or Ray a call. We will do what we can to help.

And, please, please, please stay hydrated with water. Please.

This morning we are delighted to have Jesse Ramos, *I think I've met him*, to have Jesse lead us in today's homily, "Love Everyone!" Thank you, Jesse.

By the way, we have some of these colorful "Love Your Neighbor" sheets and *colorless pages for your coloring pleasure* [hold up]. They are in the back where the children sometimes color. You are welcome to take one home. If you need more, they are easy for us to make.

As a reminder, we continue with our "Summer's End" Food Drive for the The Chestene M. Cloverdale Food Pantry (Greater Sayville Food Pantry). If you can, please bring a bag of food (large or small) to our sanctuary between now and Labor Day. We also accept donations by check or online. There is more information in eChimes and on our website and Facebook Page. Thank you for helping to place food on the tables of our neighbors.

Are there any announcements this morning?

[Pause]

Then, let us continue with this morning's worship with the ringing of the bell.

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude "What The World Needs Now Is Love"
Words by Hal David, Music by Burt Bacharach

Call to Worship

Please remain seated for our "Call to Worship" from "Praying" by Mary Oliver

*It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just
pay attention, then patch*

*a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a contest but the doorway*

*into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak.*

Welcome, for God arrives with You!

SLIDE 8 – Randolph

Randolf:

This morning, we will blend together our first hymn “Where I Find God” with our Unison Prayer. It will go like this...

We will sing the first verse together.

Then we will pause. As Sean gently plays underneath, together we will recite the second verse as the Unison Prayer.

After the Unison Prayer, Sean will lead us into singing the last verse, after which we ask you to be seated.

So, now, please rise if you wish and join us our opening verse...

Hymn (Verse 1 – Sung) *“Where I Find God” for Dorothy Lee*

Words and Music by James Ahrend

Some people find God in churches, Some people find God above,
Some people say God is far away, Some people say God is Love,
Some people look for salvation, Some people search for the Way,
Some people search for a miracle cure, Others just live for today!

If I were only more wise,
Could I see the Divine shining out through your eyes?
If God were right here in each other, Maybe God never left us at all!
Could it be simple but true? Where I find God is right here with you!

Randolf please join me in reciting our Unison prayer together...

Unison Prayer (Verse 2 – Spoken) “Where I Find God”

Some people find God in nature, Others don't know where to look,
Some people keep God right there on a shelf,
On pages of words in a book;
Some people hear God in music, Others see God in the stars,
Some people find God in mountains and hills, Others in great works of art!

If I were only more wise,
Could I see the Divine shining out through your eyes?
If God were right here in each other, Maybe God never left us at all!
Could it be simple but true? Where I find God is right here with you!

Hymn (Verse 3 – Sung) “Where I Find God”

Some people say God has left us, Others say God's all around,
Some say God lives in the heart that forgives,
Or the soul that was lost and is found;
Some people find God in Christmas, There in a manger so small,
Some people find it so hard to find God
in the tears and the fears of us all!

If I were only more wise,
Could I see the Divine shining out through your eyes?
If God were right here in each other, Maybe God never left us at all!
Could it be simple but true? Where I find God is right here with you!

Thank you! And please be seated.

Joys and Concerns Please respond, “God, hear our prayers.”

The Prayer of Jesus - The Lord's Prayer; as you learned to pray...

Please rise as we share God's Love with a sign of peace...

Friends, in our prayers for one another, we are assured of being heard and touched by God in the compassion and love we share. From this place of assurance of God's love and gratitude for all we hold dear,

"May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you!"

And also with you.

Friends, let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please be seated.

Gospel Reading The Gospel of Matthew (Matt: 22: 35-40)

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had left the Sadducees speechless, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert on the Law, attempted to trick Jesus with this question: "Teacher, which commandment of the Law is the greatest?"

Jesus answered:

" 'You must love the Most High God
with all your heart,
with all your soul and
with all your mind.'

"That is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: 'You must love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments the whole Law is based—and the Prophets as well."

Jesse Ramos Congregational Voice "Love Everyone"

Please rise if you wish and join us in singing our closing hymn:

Hymn "O Grant Us Light" New Century Hymnal #469 Verse 1

O Grant us light that we may know wisdom alone that you can give,
That truth may guide us as we go, and virtue bless the lives we live.

Benediction

Church Covenant

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude "Love Who You Love" from A Man of No Importance
Words by Lynn Ahrens, Music by Stephen Flaherty





Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ

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Thank you!

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