



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
July 31, 2022

Boldface Headings Invite All to Join in Prayer or Song

Invitations for Rising and Sitting are in Italics

Welcome & Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude "I Have a Dream" (from ABBA)
 Words and Music by Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus

Call to Worship from The Parent's Tao Te Ching: Ancient Advice for Modern Parents by William Martin.

*"Do not ask your children to strive for extraordinary lives.
Such striving may seem admirable but it is a way of foolishness.
Help them instead to find the wonder and the marvel of ordinary life.
Show them the joys of tasting tomatoes, apples and pears.
Show them how to cry when pets and people die.
Show them the infinite pleasure in the touch of a hand.
And make the ordinary come alive for them,
The extraordinary will take care of itself."*

Friends, may all this and more be found here, this morning. Welcome.

Please rise if you wish and join us in singing.

Hymn ***“Bring Many Names” New Century Hymnal #11***
Verses 1, 2, 3, 6 (Modified)

**Bring many names, beautiful and good,
celebrate in parable and story,
holiness in glory, living loving God,
Hail to Hosanna! Bring many names!**

**Strong loving God, working night and day,
planning all the wonders of creation,
setting each equation, genius at play:
Hail and Hosanna! strong loving God.**

**Warm guiding God, hugging every child,
feeling all the strains of human living,
caring and forgiving till we’re reconciled:
Hail and Hosanna! warm guiding God.**

**Great, living God, never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:
Hail and Hosanna, great living God!**

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 (from Chapter 18)

The disciples came up to Jesus with this question, “Who is the greatest in the kindom of heaven?”

Jesus called for a little child to come and stand among them. Then Jesus said, “The truth is, unless you change and become like little children you will not enter the kindom of heaven. Those who make themselves as humble as this child are the greatest in the kindom of heaven.”

“Whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. [...] See to it that you never despise one of these little ones, for I tell you that their angels are continuously in the presence of my Abba God.” [...] “It is never the will of your Abba God in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.”

Kris Minschke

Congregational Voice

“Kindness: Take 2”

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

Hymn

“To You, God, All Creatures Sing”

New Century Hymnal #17 vs. 1, 2, 3, 4

**(1) To you, O God, all creatures sing,
and all creation everything
sings your praises, alleluia!
Your burning sun with golden beam,
your silver moon with softer gleam
sings your praises,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**(2) Your wind that blows the tempest by,
your clouds that sail across the sky
sing your praises, alleluia!
Your morning lights the sky with a song
and lights of evening sing along,
sing your praises.
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**(3) Your flowing waters, crystal clear,
make melodies for you to hear,
sings your praises, alleluia!
Your fire bountiful and bright,
remembering your warmth and light,
sing your praises.
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**(4) To you, O God, day after day,
your planet earth in every way,
sings your praises, alleluia!
As savory fruit and fragrant flower
Show forth your glory and your power
singing praises.
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Please remain standing for the Benediction and Church Covenant.

Benediction from Howard Thurman

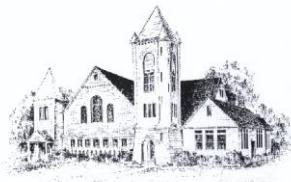
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“Don’t ask yourself what the world needs.
Ask yourself what makes you come alive and then
Go do that.
Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.”

Church Covenant

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude "Ashokan Farewell" by Jay Ungar



Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ

For more nearly 175 years, 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, celebrate God's love, however you may know God, by our continuing to advocate for the oppressed, while welcoming all on their spiritual journey, from wherever they may come. Thank you for being with us today. Please contact us at any time for more information about our congregation and questions you may have.

Thank you!

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