



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ  
August 7, 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 "Jesu Joy of [Our] Desiring" or "Joy" (*Jesus bleibet meine Freude*)  
by Johann Sebastian Bach; Jimmy Cesare, Trumpet Soloist

*Please rise or remain seated for this morning's "Call to Worship"*

Call to Worship

"For where your heart is, there your treasure is also". (Luke 12:34)

Let your heart *and* treasure be here this morning. Release the strains and stresses that may distract you. Be still. Be present. Turn all things over to the God you know, as we share our hearts and treasures in prayer and song – together.

*Please rise if you wish and join us in singing.*

**Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**  
**New Century Hymnal #43 Verses 1 & 3 (As Shown Here)**

**Love divine all loves excelling, joy of heaven on earth be found,  
Fix in us a humble dwelling, all your faithful mercies crown;  
Jesus, you are all compassion; pure unbounded love impart,  
Visit us with your warm presence, enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver, let us all your life receive;  
Suddenly return and never, nevermore your temples leave,  
You we would be always blessing, love you as your angels love,  
Pray and praise for your unfailing open arms outstretched from above.**

*Thank you! And please be seated.*

Faith is the reality of all that is hoped for; faith is the proof of all that is unseen. Because of faith, our ancestors [knew of God's presence].

By faith, we understand that the world was created by the word from God, and that what is visible came into being through the invisible.

[For example], by faith, Sarah and Abraham obeyed when they were called, and went off to the place they were to receive as a heritage; they went forth, moreover, not knowing where they were going. By faith, Sarah and Abraham lived in the promised land as resident aliens, dwelling in tents with their children and grandchildren, who were heirs of the same promise—for they were looking forward to the city with foundations, whose designer and maker is God.

[And], by faith, Sarah received the ability to conceive, even though she was past childbearing age, for she thought that the One who had made the promise was worthy of trust. As a result of this faith, there came forth from one couple, themselves as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and the sands of the seashore. All of them left earth in faith. They didn't obtain what had been promised, but saw and welcomed it from afar. By acknowledging themselves to be strangers and exiles on the earth, they showed that they were looking for a country of their own. [...] They were searching for a better country, a heavenly one. [And, neither they nor God held back love for each other.]

### Homily

*Please rise if you wish and join us in singing.*

**Hymn      "Take My Gifts"      New Century Hymnal      #562**

**Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,  
gave me light and food and shelter, gave me life and set me free,  
now because your love has touched me, I have love to give away,  
now the bread of love is rising, loaves of love to multiply.**

**Take the fruit that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,  
harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the drink of God,  
spiced with humor, laced with laughter—flavor of the Jesus life,  
tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.**

**Take whatever I can offer—gifts that I have yet to find,  
skills that I am slow to sharpen, talents of the hand and mind,  
things made beautiful for others in the place where I must be:  
take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.**

*Please, remain standing and join in our Assurance Prayer in Unison.*

## Assurance Prayer in Unison

**God of Excelling Love and Goodness, we come into your presence aware of our frailty and overwhelmed by your unconditional love. We are grateful there is no human experience we might encounter – where you are not already present. If we climb the highest mountain you are there; if we find ourselves in the darkest valley, you are there. Teach us to trust and love you always and to share that love through kindness and care for all. Amen**

## Passing of Christ's Peace

**"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.*

## Joys and Concerns

*Friends, we now invite you to share your Joys and Concerns, responding with*

***"God, hear our prayer."***

## The Prayer of Jesus

**Creator God, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we strive to forgive those who trespass against us,**

**and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory.**

**Forever and ever. Amen.**

## Holy Communion

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

**Hymn "Spirit of the Living God" New Century Hymnal #283**

*Please remain standing for the Benediction and Church Covenant.*

## Benediction

**Church Covenant Projected on the Slides and in the Back of the New Century Hymnal**

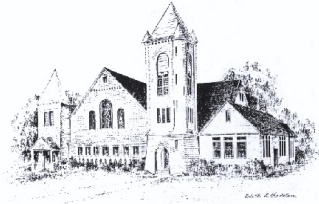
*Please be seated.*

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude "You'll Never Walk Alone"

Jerry and the Pacemakers, 1963

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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"*