

LEADER BULLETIN



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
August 28, 2022



Meditation

Source Unknown; Submitted by Hank Maust

"Plan" of the Universe

It would seem that the Universe is set up in such a way that its 'rules' permit and promote evolution from conditions of simplicity to ones of complexity. [Energy transforming into subatomic particles, transforming into atoms, then simple molecules, complex molecules, 'self-replicating molecules' living cells, multi-cellular life forms, ecosystems of symbiotic life forms, etc.] In all of this there seem to be an element of 'play' ('experimenting' with new forms) which over great expanses of time lead to intricate relationships among species.

The human has the unique(?) ability to anticipate the results this experimentation and thus accelerate the evolutionary process, often faster than the existing system can adapt. By striving for harmonious, co-evolutionary, 'prayerful play', humans can better harmonize with the 'plan' of the Universe.



Jenna Welcome & Announcements

Good morning, Everyone, and welcome to Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ on this "beautiful" Sunday morning! We are pleased that you are with us, whether here in our sanctuary or with us online. My name is Jenna Murphy and it is my pleasure to serve as your liturgist this morning.

*We open today with a few brief announcements, especially asking you to take home and review the insert in your bulletin, including information on this week's meeting of **The Last Wednesday Group!***

And, on this last Sunday in August, we extend our heartfelt thanks to James Higgins who has been our guest music director, as Sean completes his summer tour, returning next week. James, what a pleasure always to have you with us!

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If you are watching online or looking for more information about us, please be sure to visit our website at www.sayvilleucc.com. Today's bulletin is there, as well as much more information about our congregational life together.

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Also, please sign up for our weekly newsletter "eChimes" which is timely for announcements, schedule changes, special events and more. You can sign up on the website or by visiting our eChimes.org page.

We are especially asking for your kindness between now and the beginning of school for any school supplies you are able to donate for the Greater Sayville Food Pantry. There is a great need this year – once again – to help young people start off "ready for school". Bring your donations here on Sunday morning or drop them off at our office Monday through Thursday between 9 AM and 1 PM. Thank you.

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Please note these two very important gatherings on August 30th. On our website and in our eChimes is information on "Islip Goes Purple" – A Resource Fair for Free Narcan Training during this National Recovery Month.

Also there is an announcement about the 10th Annual Tree Lighting "On the Wings of Hope", also on Tuesday, August 30th as part of "International Overdose Awareness Day". Please plan on joining us in attendance on Tuesday, if you can.

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And, to help us along a reminder that the

- The Boldface Headings in our bulletin are invitations for you to join in Prayer or Song

- The Italics for Rising and Being Seated are suggestions, should you wish to join in.

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Lastly, you are invited to choose whether or not to wear your mask during worship and hospitality. We just ask that you continue to be safe here and elsewhere, as we move through this transition time from COVID.

Are there any other announcements?

So, breathe. Set aside any distractions as best you can and know how welcome you are in this place, from wherever it is you may come...

It is good to be together.

Ushers Ringing of the Bell

James Prelude "I Go On from Mass" by Leonard Bernstein

Jenna Call to Worship Adapted from Hebrews Chapter 13

Continue to love each other as siblings. Show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so some people have entertained angels. Keep in mind those who are marginalized, as if you, too, were marginalized.

Let relationships be honored by everyone; let love be as love is.

Be content in your gratitude and restless with injustice; do what you can; support those who do more; and pray without ceasing for prayer is always "part of the plan" in all God's creation.

And welcome, here, as you are in this place where all are welcome, long before they arrive.

Please rise if you wish and join us in singing.

James **Hymn** *“I Sing as I Arise Today” New Century Hymnal #83*

Jenna *Please be seated.*

Jenna

Today’s readings are from two books in the New Testament, Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians and the Gospel of John. Please listen and follow along. As you do, consider the power of prayer in these texts and your life.

First Reading from Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians

(Ephesians 3:14-21 Adapted)

From the time I first heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all the holy ones, I have never stopped thanking God for you and remembering you in my prayers. I pray that God will give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation, to bring you to a rich knowledge of the Creator. I pray that God will enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see the hope this call holds for you.

Pause 15 seconds

Second Reading from John 17

[Jesus praying to Abba God]: I entrusted to them the message you entrusted to me, and they received it. They know that I really came from you; they believe it was you who sent me. And it is for them that I pray—not the world, but for these you’ve given me—for they are really yours.

Ray Susan Homily & Congregational Voice Susan Ryan

Jenna *Thank you Susan and now **please stand** and join us in singing “There is a Star” from Emmanuel and chosen by Susan*

James **Hymn** ***“There is a Star” From Emmanuel***

*There’s a star in the East on Christmas morn,
rise up Shepherd and follow that star;
It will lead you to the place where the Savior’s born,
Rise up Shepherd, and follow;
Follow Follow that star, Follow it over to Bethlehem.
It will lead you to the place where the Savior’s born;
Rise up Shepherd and follow.*

*If you take good heed of the angels’ words
rise up Shepherd and follow that star;
You’ll forget your flocks you’ll forget your herds,
Rise up Shepherd, and follow;
Follow Follow that star, Follow it over to Bethlehem.
It will lead you to the place where the Savior’s born;
Rise up Shepherd and follow.*

Jenna *Please be seated.*

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

Jenna **The Prayer of Jesus** – “The Lord’s Prayer”

Jenna *Please stand...*

Passing of Christ’s Peace

In our prayers for one another; in remembering and praying the words Jesus taught his disciples to pray; may we know the assurance of being so loved by God, so loved that we *must* share this love with all. From these hearts of ours we say:

“May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you!” **And also with you.**

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

Jenna *Please be seated and join us in singing.*

Hymn **“Pray” Sing! Prayer and Praise #122**
(Please use your hymnal or follow on the projected slides.)

Jenna *Please remain seated.*

Ray Benediction

Ray *Please rise and join us in singing.*

James Church Covenant
(Please use your hymnal back cover or follow on the projected slides.)

Please be seated.

Ushers Ringing of the Bell

James
Postlude “I Say a Little Prayer” by Burt Bacharach and Hal David

Thank you!

Congregational Voice - Susan Ryan
Deacon Elders & Deacon Trustees; Sanctuary Readiness Angels!
James Higgins – Guest Music Director; Liturgist – Jenna Murphy
Media Team – Karin Conrad, Mark Conrad,
Connie Kauffman, Kathy Leis and Hank Maust

Announcements for Sunday, August 28, 2022
Please Visit www.sayvilleucc.org for updates
And more information

Back-to-School and Food Pantry Drive!

Our drive for “Back-to-School & Food Drive” continues! We are so grateful for your generosity every Sunday in supporting those who need our help. Please bring school items and food here on Sunday and we will have it delivered to the Sayville Food Pantry. Special thanks to Jane Mac Gowan who coordinates this outreach and all who lend a hand!

Join the Chancel Choir!

If you have ever thought of joining our choir – please know you are welcome and this is a great time to begin! *Choir Practice Resumes* on Thursday, September 1st at 6 PM, in our Vestry and the choir will return to worship on Sunday, September 10th. Welcome back!

eChimes Newsletter!

Along with checking our website and Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sayvilleucc, our weekly eChimes newsletter is a terrific resource. It is published once a week and you can sign up for it by calling the office 631-589-1519; sending an email to churchadmin@sayvilleucc.org, or using the link on our website. If you do not have email or don't use the Internet, let Heather know and we will send you a printed copy in the mail. And contact Heather if you have any prayer requests or announcements you would like to have added to eChimes. Thanks!

Islip Goes Purple – Free Narcan Training

September is National Recovery Month. As part of this observance, “Islip Goes Purple” Resource Fair is offering “Free Narcan Training” at Bayport Blue Point Library on Tuesday, August 30th from 5:30-6:30 PM. For more information visit our website at www.sayvilleucc.org

International Overdose Awareness Day

10th Annual Tree Lighting “On the Wings of Hope” 7:00 PM on August 30, 2022

“Maxed Out Drug Prevention” gathering at the Bayport Blue Point Library following Narcan Training. Breaking the stigma and increasing awareness by supporting recovery, mental health, and remembering loved ones.” Guest speakers, prayers, luminaries and light refreshments. Please join us. For more information visit our website at www.sayvilleucc.org

“Last Wednesday Group” – This Wednesday, August 31, 11 AM - Noon Online

Join our lively discussion group on “life with the benefit of years.” It's a great group started with us and our friend Jane Ann Groom. Use the Zoom Link on our webpage at www.sayvilleucc.org.

Chair Yoga! A Summer Hit!

Chair Yoga will return in October. Look for upcoming announcements! Go Randolph!

Free Estate Planning Seminar – Save the Date – September 21 at 1:00 PM or 6:30 PM

At Raynor & D'Andrea, 245 Main Street, West Sayville. More to Come.

Bible Jam Returns! All Are Welcome!

It's that time!

This semester, we will be returning to a favorite of our Bible Jam group, Greg Boyle. He has written a new book called The Whole Language - The Power of Extravagant Tenderness. Our sessions will be exploring parallel topics in the Bible, focusing on (but not limited to) The New Testament.

The book can be purchased online from [Amazon](#) for \$13.50 hardcover or on Kindle for 12.99 (or your favorite bookseller). If you would like us to order you the book, just let us know by calling or emailing Ray or Heather. We will have copies available if this is not a good time for purchases. Not to worry. We will get you a book! Just let us know.

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM in the Vestry and 7:15PM Online

2022 Schedule September – December

(13 Classes Planned) - Come to one or all, as you can!

(No Class September 20)

September 13

September 27

October 4

October 11

October 18

October 25

November 1

November 8

Note:

- Victorian Tea Week - No Class -
(The Tea is Nov 18 & 19)

- Thanksgiving Week - No Class

Resume: (Tentative)

December 6

December 13

December 20

December 27

Watch Your Mail!

In the next few weeks, we will be sending out forms to **update our directory**. It's time. Our directory is for members and friends. We are also exploring ways for this to be done online for those who might prefer a paperless update. More to come!

Announcements? Please let Heather or Ray know!

Next Leadership Board Meeting:

Saturday, September 17th at 10 AM in the Vestry. All are welcome to observe and only asked to step out if we are discussing personnel matters.

Blessings!