



*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ  
September 11, 2022*



*We Remember...*



O God, our hope and refuge, in times of remembrance we come to you. The days have passed but we have not forgotten the loss and heroism of that day and the pain and sorrow and dangers that remain. We have not forgotten the work of justice in our lives and the world. We have not forgotten how love and courage was all around us that day, even as an evil of proportions many had never seen revealed itself. We have not forgotten and have resolved through faith and hope in you to not be cowed or diminished, even in our grief. We have grown with the loss of these lives and innocence, not in vengeful ways we pray, but rooted ever more deeply in the mystery and power of your Love. O God, our hope and refuge, today and always we come to you. Hosanna (Please help us).



## Ring of the Bell

Prelude "Brother, Can You Spare A Dime?"

Lyrics by E.Y. Harburg, Music by Jar Gorney, Arr. by Dave Brubeck

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 you are welcome, long before you arrive.

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

**Hymn "Come, My People" Sing! Prayer and Praise #12**

*Please be seated.*

Gospel Reading The Gospel of Mark (Mark 12: 29-34)

One of the religious scholars who had listened to them debating and had observed how well Jesus had answered them, now came up and put a question to him: "Rabbi, which is the foremost of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, " This is the foremost: 'Hear, O Israel, God, our God, is one. You must love the Most High God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You must love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." The scholar said to Jesus, "Well spoken, Teacher! What you have said is true: the Most High is one and there is no other. To love God with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself—this is far more important than any burnt offering or sacrifice."

Jesus, seeing how wisely this scholar had spoken, said, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to question Jesus any more.

Homily & Congregational Voice

Roger Kauffman

**Chancel Choir** "Lift Thine Eyes To The Mountains"

from the oratorio Elijah by Felix Mendelssohn / Arr. by John Bertalot

Joys and Concerns

Please respond, "**God, hear our prayers.**"

**The Prayer of Jesus** – "The Lord's Prayer"

**Meditation** *New Century Hymnal #743 (2X)*

Passing of Christ's Peace

We know God is with us; we hold the greatest of commandments to love as a practice, a way of life. And, with the greeting of the one who promises "peace" beyond all understanding, from our minds, our hearts and our souls 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.

**Chancel Choir** "Homeland" Words by Sir Cecil Spring-Rice and Z. Randall Stroope  
Tune by Gustav Holst, Arranged by Z. Randall Stroope

*Please remain seated*

Benediction

*Please rise and join us in singing...*

**Church Covenant**

Ringling of the Bell

Postlude

"America the Beautiful" by Samuel August Ward

Lyrics by Katherine Lee Bates, Arranged by John Carter



### ***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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*Peace. Shalom. Salaam. For the ways of peace are many. "Namaste"*