



*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
September 18, 2022*



Welcome & Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

Call to Worship Adapted from The Whole Language by Greg Boyle

We seek an expression and a wider frame within which to share our relationship with God and one another. We choose to invite the extravagant tenderness of God to wash over us, to permit the lavishing of such love to surround and fill us with the ability “to speak” the *whole language*: the language of the heart *and* soul *and* action. This is our *fluency*, our commitment to inhabiting the tender fragrance of love and to share it with all.

Please rise if you wish and join us in singing.

Hymn “Hush” *Sing! Prayer and Praise #30*

Please be seated.

Gospel Reading

The Gospel of Luke (Luke 15:1-10)

Meanwhile, the tax collectors and the “sinners” were all gathering around Jesus to listen to his teaching, at which the Pharisees and the religious scholars murmured, “ This person welcomes sinners and eats with them!” Jesus then addressed this parable to them: “Who among you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, doesn’t leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture and search for the lost one until it’s found? And finding it, you put the sheep on your shoulders in jubilation. Once home, you invite friends and neighbors in and say to them, ‘Rejoice with me! I’ve found my lost sheep!’ I tell you, in the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to repent. “What householder, who has ten silver pieces and loses one, doesn’t light a lamp and sweep the house in a diligent search until she finds what she had lost? And when it is found, the householder calls in her friends and neighbors and says, ‘Rejoice with me! I’ve found the silver piece I lost!’ I tell you, there will be the same kind of joy before the angels of God over one repentant sinner.”

Provocation

Chancel Choir

Joys and Concerns

Please respond, **“God, hear our prayers.”**

Please rise and join us in praying...

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

Please remain standing and join us in singing.

Hymn

Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song

New Century Hymnal #270

Please remain standing and join us in singing.

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.

Please be seated

Chancel Choir

Please remain seated

Benediction

Please rise and join us in singing...

Church Covenant

Please be seated.

Ring of the Bell

Postlude



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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!

Heather – Please update this section