

LEADERS & MEDIA TEAM

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost - September 25, 2022

Rev. Mary Larson, Guest Preacher

Jenna Murphy, Liturgist

Thank you, Everyone... sorry if there are any typos I'm sure there are! 😊)

Give me a call if you need anything...

Peace,
Ray

Jenna:

S1:

Welcome & Announcements

Good morning everyone and welcome to Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ where you are welcome long before your arrived. My name is Jenna Murphy and I am pleased to serve as liturgist for today, and to invite you into our worship time together – whether you are here or visiting us from afar. We are delighted that you are here.

S2:

We begin this morning with a brief reminder of some of the ways you can reach us and find out more about who we are and the congregational life we share. Along with the information on the back of you bulletin, you can visit us on our website page, Facebook Page, subscribe to our weekly newsletter “eChimes” or just give us a call. You can also just ask the person next to you! There’s a good chance they will be able to help.

And, if you are a visitor, please let us know so that we can say hello to you and make sure we invite you to hospitality and talkback after worship.

S3:

- 1.) It's that time! Our 31st Victorian Tea is taking reservations. Please ask me or anyone here for more information. And,
- 2.) Please continue to enjoy the gallery of paintings by Elise Cesare displayed on the wall to your right. Thank you Elise and please wave so folks know who you are, in case they wish to talk with you about your fine art.

S4

- 3.) Friends, you are welcome to wear masks or not and seat yourselves at comfortable distances, as you wish. In other words, please do what is best for you to stay safe. Everyone's safety is our first concern.
- 4.) And for those of you wondering about confirmation, we are initiating our "Confirmation Class" beginning during our October 2nd worship together. If you have any family members who you are interested in – or ready for confirmation, please speak to Pastor Ray. The class is open to youth from twelve on, but we also are happy to consider any age!
- 5.) Lastly, we are a primary ministry partner with the Greater Sayville Food Pantry and we welcome your donations on their behalf. We list the pantry's special needs each week on eChimes and collect food here on Sundays. Helping to put food on the table for others? What could be a more wonderful thing to do!
- 6.) Are there any other announcements?

Then, take a breath, let it out, and settle into this place of love and non-anxious presence, as we continue worship with the ringing of the bell...

S5:
Sean Prelude "Jesus meine Freude"

S6-8:
Jenna Call to Worship

Such Light!

Bringing into view what we see

as if for the first time what our heart has long-known.

Such Radiance!

Traversing the cosmos in every direction all at once, this

Unbounded God.

Such Warmth!

Here. In the gifts we bring;

the new gifts we create.

Spirit of God's Presence and Love—Here.

Come, let us open ourselves into this embrace

in our worship and lives together.

S9:
Sean/Choir
Chancel Choir "All Things Bright and Beautiful" by John Rutter

S10-12

Jenna: Friends, please remain seated and join me in reading aloud the Unison Prayer by Joseph Gilmore on the screen and in your bulletin:

Unison Prayer

by Joseph Gilmore

**I want this to be a place
where we can touch and be touched by the utterly,
the unmistakably sacred –
the breath in all breathing, the light in all seeing,
the fire in every righteous anger,
the resonance in deep silence,
the love which graces and ennobles all loves,
the hospitality which bids a welcome
to each of our returnings –
and grieves a little at each of our leavings.**

**The unmistakably sacred
which precedes all of our singing;
the sighing which, when we are awake,
calls us home to ourselves,
where in our blood and bones the body of God dwells.**

S12-16

Jenna: Now, if you wish, please rise and join us in this morning's first hymn, "There's a Spirit of Love in this Place" in the Sing! Prayer and Praise Hymnal #33 or on the screen in church or at home.

Hymn "There's a Spirit of Love in This Place"
Sing! Prayer and Praise #33

S17

Jenna: Please be seated:

S18-19

Jenna: This morning's reading is from The Book of Psalms, Psalm 113 Verses 1 – 6. Please listen for God's message to you in these words...

Reading Psalm 113:1-6

Alleluia!

You faithful of YHWH, give praise,
praise the Name of YHWH!

Blessed be the Name of YHWH,
from now and for all times!

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
praised be the Name of YHWH!

You are high over all nations, Yhwh!

Your glory transcends the heavens! Who is like you,
YHWH, our God?

Enthroned so high,
you need to stoop to see the sky and the earth!

S20

Mary

Sermon

Rev. Mary Larson

S21-24:

Sean

Hymn

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”
New Century Hymnal #270

S25: (Immediately following hym: Please remain seated)

S26:

Joys and Concerns

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

Jenna & Mary: Friends this is a time to hear and lift up your prayers of joy and concerns. For those of you watching online, please speak your prayers, as well, for they, too – we are sure – are heard.

Please wait for Mary to come to you with the microphone; we ask that you speak into the mic or ask Mary to repeat your prayers into the mic so everyone here and online can hear ...

Please respond as we offer your prayers with: “God, hear our prayers/”

(When done, Mary asks Jenna to lead us the “The Prayer Jesus Taught the Disciples):

S27-28:

Jenna *Please rise and join us in praying...*

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

S29:

Jenna

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.

S30:

Jenna: Please be seated.

S31:

Sean/Choir Chancel Choir

"How Lovely Are the Messengers" from *St. Paul*

by Felix Mendelssohn, Arranged by William Stickles

S32: (Immediately at the Close of the Anthem: Please remain seated)

S33:

Mary Benediction

S34:

Mary **At the end of the Benediction invites everyone to stand to join in singing our Church Covenant**

S35:

Sean

Church Covenant

S36: (Immediately at the end of the Covenant: Please be seated)

S36: Ringing of the Bell

S37: (Instructions: for Postlude Media)

- a) Slide starts out with stars.
- b) Click to reveal the title as the choir is ready to sing
- c) Click to return to stars at the end of the song
- d) Click to Slide 38 for Closing
- e) Click to Slide 39 to end.

Sean Postlude "When You Wish Upon a Star"
Words by Ned Washington, Music by
Leigh Harline



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Thank you!

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Peace. Shalom. Salaam. For the ways of peace are many. “Namaste”