



*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ  
September 25, 2022*



Welcome & Announcements

Ring of the Bell

Prelude

**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.**

**Chancel Choir**

**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.**

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

**Hymn “There’s a Spirit of Love in This Place”** Sing! Prayer and Praise #33

*Please be seated.*

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!

Sermon                      Rev. Mary Larson

**Hymn                      Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song**

*New Century Hymnal #270*

Joys and Concerns                      Please respond, **"God, hear our prayers."**

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

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

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.*

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude



### ***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!**

Heather – Please update this section  
Rev. Mary Larson, Chaplain – Guest Worship Leader  
Etc.

Please prepare a check for Mary.