



*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
October 23, 2022*

Leader's Bulletin for October 23, 2022

Thank you for leading us in this morning's worship.

S-1 – Welcome

Kris

Good morning everyone and welcome to Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ where you are welcome long before your arrived. My name is Kris Minschke and I am pleased to serve as liturgist for today, welcoming you to this time together. – whether you are here in person or visiting us from afar. We are delighted that you have joined us. We have a few announcements to get us started.

S2 – League of Women Voters

We are excited today to welcome Lisa Scott, President of the League of Women Voters of Suffolk County to worship and to lead us in this morning's forum. The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, grassroots organization working to protect and expand voting rights and ensure everyone is represented in our democracy. There is no better time to have Lisa as our guest, as we better inform ourselves on issues of concern in preparation of our participation in the mid-term elections.

“Lisa, could you stand and let folks see you for a minute?” Thank you.

Thank you to our Justice Committee who has organized today's luncheon and forum and we hope you will all join us in the vestry, immediately following worship.

S3 – The Victorian Tea

And, Could the Victorian Tea Committee and Volunteers please stand and wave to us? There you are! Our Victorian Tea folks can still use help in preparation for the November Tea and we especially appreciate your gifts for the baskets and for more information please speak to any of these folks for more information!

S4 – Transgender Day of Remembrance

Thank you! And we also want to share a reminder about this year's Transgender Day of Remembrance that will take place on Sunday, November 20th at 2:00 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Stony Brook.

Barbara could you stand, please?

Barbara is the President of the Long Island Transgender Day of Remembrance and we are so grateful to her and her committee for all they do to remember and raise awareness for the Transgender Community. I know many of us will be joining you all on the 20th. Please see Barbara if you have any questions.

Thank you, Barbara.

S5 – Elise Cesare Gallery

We hope you have had a chance to enjoy the beautiful paintings of Elise Cesare displayed on the gallery to your right. Elise you you stand and wave, please?

We are so grateful that you share your gifts and art with us and thank you for surrounding us with the love and beauty of your artwork.

S6 – Greater Sayville Food Pantry

As you know, 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. Thank you for helping to bring a meal to those who truly benefit from your generosity.

S7 – Mark Conrad

Over the next four weeks, members of our congregation will share briefly about why they choose to be a member of Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ. In our hearts and practices, we see one another as friends and congregants, all. And, as an organization membership is an important part of our congregational life together, which we invite you to consider.

Last week, Karen Maust began our series, thank you Karen – please wave – and today we welcome Mark Conrad our Moderator to share his thoughts on being a member of Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ...

Mark...

Thank you, Mark

S8 – Church Façade

Now, take a deep breath, breathing in the Spirit that is here and breathing out all that we'd like to set aside for a while, as we enter into this time of worship together, with the ringing of the bell, followed by this morning's Prelude.

Hilda – Ringing of the Bell

S9 – Prelude Sean

S10-14 – Call to Worship Kris

Please remain seated as this morning's reading of the Call to Worship:

We are a reflection of God's creation.

Begin and end each day with "Gratitude"
as a bookend on each 24 hours.

Carry the power of love and service and kindness –
Even in the midst of turmoil;
especially in the midst of turmoil.

Created to be free; embrace God's presence
in all creation given unto our care.

Come to this place, where wonder and gratitude;
service and kindness and wisdom grow, [overcoming
The turmoil and deception with balance and truth
honoring what is most sacred in all creation –

The love we are called to reflect upon one another.

Now, please rise if you wish and join us in singing this morning's hymn:

S15 – 19 Hymn - Sean: “No Matter” SPP #35 vs. 1, 2

(Refrain)

No matter who, no matter what,
no matter where you are on the journey of life
you're welcome, welcome in this place
No matter who, no matter what,
no matter where you are on the journey of life
Accepted, welcomed by God's grace

For we are family meant to be purposed for eternity.
Born in love from above, God's community. (Refrain)

And in diversity, unity, harmony for all to see;
Justice and equity, God's community. (Refrain)

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S20 – 22 - Kris Unison Prayer

Please be seated and join me in praying this morning's Unison prayer.

**All that exists is underpinned by Joy.
Joy is an expression of a God called “Creator”;
called “Universe”; called “Us”.
We seek the “well-Being” of God's Love
showered upon all in graceful, abundant ways.
Help us Joyful, Creator, Universal, Graceful Loving God
to remember how blessed we are –
and teach us to care for others as you care for us.**

Slide 22 to Segue

Slide 24 to Segue

S25 – 27 **Kris** First Reading The Book of Psalms (Psalm 84:1-7)

¹How I love your dwelling place,
YHWH Sabaoth! (God, Host of Heaven!)
²How my soul yearns and pines
for your courts, YHWH!
My heart and my flesh sing for joy
³The sparrow has found its home at last,
The swallow a nest for its young –
On your altars, YHWH Sabaoth,
My Sovereign, my God.
To you, the living God!
⁴Happiness belongs to those who live in your house
and can praise you all day long;
⁵and happy the pilgrims who find refuge in you
as they set their hearts on the Ascents!¹
⁶As they go through the Valley of the Weeper²,
They make it a place of springs,
clothed in blessings by the early rains.
⁷From there they make their way from village to village,
until each one appears before God in Zion.

¹ The Ascents are any one of the fifteen psalms in the series from Psalm 120 to Psalm 134 sung by pilgrims on their way to Jerusalem or possible while ascending Mount Zion or the steps of the Temple.

² The Valley of the Weeper (Baca): Either an historical place name or a symbolic expression for deep sadness and spiritual dryness. 84:6a: “passing through the experience of deep sorrow, righteous ones can make it to the source of life.”

S28.1 Kris – Sean

Please remain seated and join in singing “Spirit of the Living God”

S28.2 Media Team

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- (2) Click to reveal verses on the top.
- (3) Video will loop
- (4) Click to move on when hymn is done

Hymn: Spirit of the Living God New Century Hymnal #283

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

⁹ Jesus spoke this this parable addressed to those who believed in their own self-righteousness while holding everyone else in contempt: ¹⁰ “Two people went up to the Temple to pray; one was a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee³ stood and prayed like this: ‘I give you thanks, O God, that I’m not like others—greedy, crooked, adulterous—or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week. I pay tithes on everything I earn.’

¹³ The other one, however kept a distance, not even daring to look up to heaven. In real humility, all the tax collector said was, ‘O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.’ ¹⁴ Believe me the tax collector went home from the Temple right with God, while the Pharisee didn’t. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

S34 Ray Provocation

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S35 Blank after Ray stops talking about parachuting...

Ray Please rise if you wish and join us in singing:

³ “Luke’s presentation of the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders is part of a theologically motivated literary inversion of ordinary society. The leaders of the Jews, the rich, the other established citizens, and sometimes Israel itself are pictured as rejecting Jesus and thus rejecting God. By contrast, the poor, the sinners, the non-Jews, and the outcasts like the tax collectors accept Jesus and salvation from God and “become” Israel. Anchor Bible Dictionary; V-297

Like a healing stream in a barren desert,
Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth,
God is trickling through our lives as in a dream unfolding
promising revival and rebirth - like a healing stream.

Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden,
Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed,
God is bubbling through the soil to coax a new creation
yearning for an end to want and need - like a gentle rain.

Like a river strong with restless current,
Spirit water rushing on to distant shore,
God is carving out a channel in a new direction
calling for an end to hate and war - like a river strong.

Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,
Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,
God is working in our hearts to shape a new tomorrow:
God will always challenge and provide!
Like a might sea, like a river strong,
like a gentle rain, like a healing stream.

Slide 40 to Segue

Kris Please be seated...

S41 Kris Joys and Concerns

Friends, this is time when we share our joys and concerns. This is an important part of each week's worship time together, and we thank you for your prayers that are spoken or held quietly in your hearts, for those, too, are heard.

Please wait for Ray to come to you with the microphone and please respond with: **"God hear our prayers"**

S42-43 Kris The Prayer of Jesus

Please join me in praying that prayer that Jesus taught the disciples as written in The New Zealand Book of Prayer

Media Team

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**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Creator God of us all,
Loving God, in who is all about us:**

**The blessings of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come upon us.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Slide 43 to Segue

Kris Please rise if you wish...

S44 Kris Passing of the Peace

Friends, we know that God is with us, and we know that “God with Us” – *Emmanuel* – is the gift given to us to heal a world. Sharing this love is “a practice” that hold in its power and its warmth. So, with the greeting of “peace” we bring the witness of love in these words:

“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.

No segue. Go to S45

S45 – Sean Chancel Choir “Nobody’s Better”

S46 – Ray Benediction

Please rise and join us in singing...

S47 Sean Church Covenant

**In response to God’s love,
we covenant with each other...
to be faithful to the demands
and inspiration of the eternal spirit,
revealed in the event of Jesus Christ;
to accept and respect each other
with love and concern
in our worship and witness;
to reach out with the courage
of our convictions
in the cause of justice,
liberation, and equality for all.
In this, we covenant to keep the
ultimate promise: “I care, I am with you.**

Ray Please be seated.

Ring of the Bell

S45 – Sean Postlude “Singing with a Stranger”



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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!

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