



*Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
October 30, 2022*

Leader Bulletin

S1 – Welcome

Jenna

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

We have a few announcements to get us started.

S2 – The Victorian Tea

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. For more information please speak to any of these folks.

Connie? Did you have anything you'd like to share?

S3 – 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.

S4 – Elise Cesare Gallery

And, we hope you have had a chance to enjoy the beautiful paintings of Elise Cesare displayed on the gallery to your right. Elise would 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 creations. And with you! Thank you!

S5 – Suffolk Association of the United Church of Christ

You are invited to join us for the Fall Meeting of the Suffolk Association of the United Church of Christ on Saturday, November 5 at 9 AM. The meeting takes place at the Congregational Church of Huntington. Please check this week's eChimes and website for more information.

S6 – website

To contact us and stay up-to-date, please use the links on the back of your bulletin to visit our website, eChimes, livestreams, Facebook and for our contact information. [Please hold up the back page of the bulletin]. And, please feel free to contact us. We are here for you.

S7 – Greater Sayville Food Pantry

As you may 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 we collect food here every Sunday. Thank you for helping to bring a meal to those who truly benefit from your generosity.

S8 – Jenna

Now, we continue with our weekly series of members of our congregation sharing with you why they chose to be members and take a formal role in the worship and work of Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ.

Karen Maust started us off two weeks ago, with Mark Conrad speaking to us last week and this week Kari Kacmarek, a member of our Board of Trustees will share her thoughts.

Kari...

Jenna follows Kari when she is done...-

Thank you Kari.

Friends, please know that in our hearts and practices, we see everyone here as friends and congregants. And, as with any organization, membership is an important part of the structure of our congregational life together, which we invite you to consider. Please speak with Ray to let him know if you are interested.

S9 – 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.

Usher **Ringing of the Bell**

Sean

S10 - Prelude

"A Prayer of Saint Patrick"
by John Rutter

Jenna

S11-13 Call to Worship

Please remain seated as Jenna reads this morning's Call to Worship

Ranier Marie Rilke

"Believe in a love that is being stored up for you like an inheritance and have faith that in this love there is a strength and a blessing so large that you can travel as far as you wish without having to step outside it."

And, let love be our guide in a place where peace shall then reside.

Come. Love. Peace. Reside here, in this place;
In our hearts, growing ever stronger from
From this time we share together.

Please rise if you wish and join us in singing this morning's hymn:

Sean

**S14-16 Hymn: "Take My Life, God, Let It Be" New Century
Hymnal #448**

**Take my life God, let it be consecrated faithfully.
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my spirit, let it move at the impulse of your love.
Take my intellect and use all its powers as you choose.**

**Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.
Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwelling place.**

**Take my love and help it grow; let my loving overflow.
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's community.**

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

Jenna

S17-18 A Unison Prayer

**Let the impulse of your Love, God,
move us closer to all,
especially those trying to find us.**

**Fill us with the gift of vision
to see those stretching to see us.**

**Encourage us, to encourage those
who need to know, they have a friend.**

In us. In you.

Sean/Chancel Choir

S19 Chancel Choir

"How Lovely Are The Messengers?"
from *St. Paul* by Felix Mendelssohn, Arranged
by William Stickles

Please remain seated

S20-26 First Reading Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

^{1:1} The Oracle that Habakkuk the Prophet received in a vision. ² “How long, YHWH, am I to cry for help while you do not listen? How long will I cry ‘Oppression!’ in your ear and you do not save? ³ Why do you make me look upon injustice? Why do you countenance tyranny? Outrage and violence—this is all I see! All is contention, and discord flourishes. ⁴ The law loses its hold, and justice never shows itself. The corrupt triumph over those who are righteous, and justice is perverted once again.”

^{2:1} I will stand on my watchtower, and take up my post on my battlements, watching to see what God will say to me, what answers God will make to my complaints.” ² Then Yhwh replied, “Write down this vision, inscribe it legibly on tablets so that a herald can easily read it, ³ since this vision will stand as a witness to the appointed time of judgment; it gives faithful testimony about a time that will come. If it is slow in coming, wait for it— for come it will, without fail:

⁴ “Look—those whose hearts are corrupt will faint with exhaustion, while those who steadfastly uphold justice will live.”

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

Sean

S-27 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.

Jenna

S28-33 The Gospel Of Luke (Luke 19:1-10)

^{19:1} Entering Jericho, Jesus passed through the city. ² There was a wealthy person there named Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector. ³ Zacchaeus was trying to see who Jesus was, but he couldn't do so because of the crowd, since he was short.

⁴ In order to see Jesus, Zacchaeus ran on ahead, then climbed a sycamore tree that was along the route. ⁵ When Jesus came to the spot, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, hurry up and come on down. I'm going to stay at your house today." ⁶ Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and welcomed Jesus with delight.

⁷ When everyone saw this, they began to grumble, "Jesus has gone to a sinner's house as a guest."

⁸ Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to Jesus, "Here and now I give half my belongings to poor people. If I've defrauded anyone in the least, I'll pay them back fourfold."

⁹ Jesus said to the tax collector, "Today salvation has come to this house, for this is what it means to be a descendant of Sarah and Abraham. ¹⁰ The Promised One has come to search out and save what was lost."

Ray

S34 Homily

Please rise if you wish and join us in singing:

Sean

S35 – 39 Hymn: “As One” Sing! Prayer and Praise #154

The world no longer can be
a place where fear and hatred abound!
If love is our guide, peace shall reside
and unity bind us as one.

The world no longer should be
defaced and scarred by garbage and by greed.
Let’s clean up this mess, ease the distress,
embracing our planet as one.

The world God gave us should be
a place where no one wanders alone.
Let’s open the door, strangers no more,
together and living as one.

Please be seated...

Jenna

S40 Joys and Concerns Please respond, “**God, hear our prayers.**”

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**”

Jenna

S41 – 42 The Prayer of Jesus The New Zealand Book of

**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 forever. Amen.**

Please rise...

Jenna

S43 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.

Sean/Chancel Choir

S44 "Walk Dem Bones!" Traditional Spirituals
Arranged by Sandra Berry Musser

Please remain seated.

Ray

S45 Benediction

Please rise and join us in singing...

Sean

S46 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.

Please be seated.

Usher **Ringing of the Bell**

Sean

S47 Postlude "Bein' Green" by Joe Raposo

S48-49 Closing



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"