



Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
November 20, 2022

Ring of the Bell

Prelude "Souvenir" by Marcel Dupré

Call to Worship **"Poem" by Mary Oliver**

The Spirit

Likes to dress up like this:

ten fingers,

ten toes,

shoulders, and all the rest

at night

in the black branches,

in the morning

in the blue branches

of the world.

It could float, of course,

but would rather

plumb rough matter.

Airy and shapeless thing,

it needs

the metaphor of the body,

lime and appetite,

the oceanic fluids;

it needs the body's world,

instinct

and imagination
and the dark hug of time,
sweetness
and tangibility,

...

to be understood,
to be more than pure light
that burns
where no one is—

so it enters us—
in the morning
shines from brute comfort
like a stitch of lightning

and at night
lights up the deep and wondrous
drownings of the body
like a star.

Hymn **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You!**

Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of Glory, God of Love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sad and sadness,
drive the storms of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you ,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
Stars and angels sing around you,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
teach us what our praise should be.

Unison Prayer

*We who are of the gentle soul and tender heart of yours,
we lift our thanks and gratitude, with all of humanity.*

You join us at every table,

Are with us on every walk

there in times of need and serenity, alike.

All we need do is to remember...

Whether

On the streets, the battlefields,

and as new life is born...

You are with us always,

and with us as we extend ourselves to others,

Extending our gentle souls and tender hearts to all,

As you have extended them to us.

Please be seated

Chancel Choir

"Dona Nobis Pacem" Traditional

Today's Reading Psalm 46

- ¹ God is our refuge and our strength,
who from of old has helped us in our distress.
- ² Therefore we fear nothing—
even if the earth should open up in front of us
and mountains plunge into the depths of the sea,
³ even if the earth's waters rage and foam
and the mountains tumble with its heaving.
- ⁴ There's a river whose streams gladden
the city of God,
the holy dwelling of the Most High.
- ⁵ God is in its midst, it will never fall—
God will help it at daybreak.
- ⁶ Though nations are in turmoil and empires crumble,
God's voice resounds, and it melts the earth.

⁷ *YHWH Sabaoth is with us—
our stronghold is the God of Israel!*

⁸ Come, see what Yhwh has done—

⁹ God makes the earth bounteous! God has put an end to war, from one end of the earth to the other, breaking bows, splintering spears, and setting chariots on fire.

¹⁰ “ Be still, and know that I am God!
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted upon the earth.”

¹¹ YHWH Sabaoth is with us—
our stronghold is the God of Israel!

Please rise if you wish and join us in singing

Hymn “Spirit of the Living God”

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.

Homily

Please be seated.

Chancel Choir

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" by John Rutter

Joys and Concerns

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

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

Creator God who is in heaven;

Hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done;

on Earth as it is in Heaven

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who have trespassed against us.

Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil

for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory

forever. Amen.

Please rise and join us in passing the Peace of Christ...

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 rise if you wish and join us in singing:

Hymn “We Share a Hunger”

**We share a hunger: a hunger for justice in our world,
that all may find joy, all may find wholeness, all may find
peace.**

**We share a hunger, a hunger to feel the light of Christ
Shining through us, shining on all, bringing God’s Love.**

Please remain seated...

Benediction & Thanksgiving

Please rise and join us in singing...

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.

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Postlude "Grateful"
by John Bucchino

Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ

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Thank you!

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