



*First Sunday after Christmas  
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ  
January 1, 2023*

## **New Year's Day Worship**

### **Ringing of the Bell**

**Prelude**            "Trumpet Tune and March"  
                          by Jeremiah Clarke  
                          James Cesare, trumpet soloist

*Please stand if you wish and join in this morning's Call to Worship*

**Call to Worship** from *Honey from the Rock* by Lawrence Kushner

**Open doors to holiness are everywhere.  
The possibility of assent [to God] is all the time.  
Even at unlikely times  
and through unlikely places.  
There is no place on earth  
without the Presence [of God].**

*Please remain standing, if you wish and join in singing "Arise, Shine" #68 in your  
Sing! Prayer and Praise Hymnal*

**Hymn**            "Arise, Shine"    Sing! Prayer and Praise #68

*Please be seated and join in praying this morning's Unison Prayer*

**Unison Prayer**    Adapted from *With Open Hands* by Henri J. M. Nouwen

*Dear God,*  
**Speak gently in our silence.**  
**When the loud outer noises of our surroundings**  
**and the loud inner noises of our fears**  
**keep pulling us away from you,**  
**help us trust that you are still there**  
**even when we are unable to hear you.**  
**Give us ears to listen to your small, soft voice saying:**  
**“Come to me, you who are overburdened,**  
**and I will give you rest...**  
**for I am gentle and humble of heart.”**  
**Let that loving voice be our guide.**  
***Amen.***

*Please rise if you wish and join in this morning’s Passing of the Peace*

### **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 remain standing, if you wish and join in singing “In the Midst of New Dimensions” #391 in your New Century Hymnal vs. 1, 3, 5*

**Hymn**        “In the Midst of New Dimensions”  
                    New Century Hymnal #391 v. 1, 3, 5

*Please be seated*

**First Reading**     Isaiah 63:7-9

I will tell you of YHWH's unfailing love, and sing the praises of YHWH for all that YHWH did for us— the many good things done for the house of Israel, which God did with motherly compassion and many kindnesses. For YHWH said, "Truly these are my people, children who will not be false to me"— and so God became their Liberator. In all their distress, O God, you were distressed, and the angel of your Presence saved them; you redeemed them out of deep love and profound mercy; you lifted them up and carried them from time immemorial.

*Please remain seated*

**The Chancel Choir** "Love Grows Here" Words and Music by Don Besig

**Second Reading**     Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw new heavens and a new earth. The former heavens and the former earth had passed away, and the sea existed no longer. I also saw a new Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of heaven from God, beautiful as a bride and groom on their wedding day. And I heard a loud voice calling from the throne,

"Look! God's Tabernacle is among humankind! God will live with them; they will be God's people, and God will be fully present among them. The Most High will wipe away every tear from their eyes. And death, mourning, crying and pain will be no more, for the old order has fallen."

The one who sat on the throne said, "Look! I'm making everything new!" and added, "Write this, for what I am saying is trustworthy and true."

And that One continued, "It is finished. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. Of those who are thirsty I will give drink freely from the spring of the water of life."

**Homily**

*Please remain seated*

## **The Chancel Choir**

“There’s A Star” from *Emmanuel*

## **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 stand if you wish and join in singing “Come to the Table of Grace” in your  
Sing! Prayer and Praise Hymnal #112

**Hymn**      “Come to the Table of Grace”      Sing! Prayer and Praise #112

Please be seated.

## **Invitation to the Table for Communion**

(Modified from “If We Break Bread” by Joseph H. Gilmore)

If we break bread, take bread and eat it,  
but do not *become bread* for others, for the world,  
what have we done?

In the grateful hands of Jesus, on that night before he died,  
the fields of God – cultivated, seeded, tended and harvested  
by a particular farmer – were not forgotten.

In the grateful hands of Jesus, the cup of wine  
called up all the glorious things earth and light and water  
can do.

And, on the night before he died, surrounded by those he loved and trusted,  
he surely remembered these things and more  
– yet to be known.

As he took the bread for that meal and the world,  
Jesus blessed it, gave it to those gathered and said:

“This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of  
me.”

Then, after a while, seeing deeply into the the cup he held,  
Jesus lifted the cup - the earth, its light, water and all creation saying:

“This cup is the new covenant that courses through my blood.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

In so doing, Jesus glorified God’s Love through his. As we come to this table  
– the same one, really – may we now do the same.

**Sharing of the Elements:** These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**Servers’ Communion Responses:**

*The Bread of Life ~ The Cup of Blessing*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)**

**We thank you for arms full of life, hearts full of hope, eyes full of wonder.  
We hold our hands open to receive those you send to us. Our feet are  
ready to dance with the world, teaching and learning as we go. With minds  
hungry for what you will reveal and knees willing to honor the mystery, we  
come to you – in these things and more – in this New Year and always,  
especially, in remembrance of you. Amen.**

Please rise if you wish and join us in singing “Go Tell It on the Mountain” in your New Century Hymnal #154

**\*Hymn** “Go Tell It on the Mountain” New Century Hymnal #154

Please be seated

## **Benediction**

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

## **Ring of the Bell**

**Postlude** “Auld Lang Syne” Traditional  
Words by Robert Burns



### ***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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[www.echimestv.org](http://www.echimestv.org) Tune in any time!

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

**Please take home poinsettias to welcome in the New Year.  
There are plenty for everyone!**



## 2022 CHANCEL POINSETTIAS

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Loved Ones, both family and friends

Our parents, sisters Annette and Gloria,  
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Herminie & Mike Bavosa  
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Phil and Kasia

Don & Alice Gray and Virginia Goodwin

Nana, Papa, Edie, Grampy & Aunt Chick

May the Joy be your gift at Christmas and  
may Faith, Hope and Love be your  
treasures in the New Year.

**IN HONOR OF:**

Abigail and Olivia Linsner  
Pastor Raymond Bagnuolo

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**IN CELEBRATION OF:**

Families – Ryans, Chiappinos, Mullers  
and especially our church family

