



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

LEADERS BULLETIN

New Year's Day Worship

S1

S2 Announcements:

Good morning everyone and welcome to Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ on this First Sunday after Christmas and the First Sunday of 2023. Our very best wishes to you and all for a New Year that brings us closer to one another in an unexpected Season of Peace, Justice and Love. So we pray.

My name is Mike Jayne, and I am pleased to serve as liturgist for this morning's service and am happy to welcome, you whether here in person or watching us from home. And, a special good morning to Nancy Swezey, Robert Pierce and Martha Moler watching us from home! Welcome all!

First! You are all amazing! Thank you for your wonderfully generous response of food for the Greater Sayville Food Pantry as part of our Annual Christmas Purple Bag Food Drive! This is but a part! Of what we have collected! What a gift you have made possible to give to others. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Also, as you leave today, we invite you to take poinsettias with you to welcome in the New Year. We have plenty for all, so please take one home!

Lastly, please join us for hospitality after worship. Also, if you are interested in chatting about becoming a member, please remain in the sanctuary after worship and meet with Ray. Finally, talkback to day is at 11:30 back in the sanctuary.

Are there any other announcements?

So, now, let us enter into this time together with a long deep breath to center ourselves -- and a breath exhaled to leave the "busy-ness" aside as best we can.. and pause before the bell is rung and this morning's service continues...

Ring of the Bell

S3 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

S4-5 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].**

S6 Please remain standing, if you wish and join in singing "Arise, Shine" #68
in your Sing! Prayer and Praise Hymnal

S7-8 Hymn "Arise, Shine" Sing! Prayer and Praise #68

S9 Please be seated and join in praying this morning's Unison Prayer

S10-11 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.

S12 *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.

S13 *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*

S14 – 19 Hymn “In the Midst of New Dimensions”
New Century Hymnal #391 v. 1, 3, 5

S20 *Please be seated*

S21-23 **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.

S24 **The Chancel Choir** “Love Grows Here”
Words and Music by Don Besig

S25-28 **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.”

S29 **Homily**

Please remain seated

S30 The Chancel Choir “There’s A Star” from *Emmanuel*

S31 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.

S32 Please stand if you wish and join in singing “Come to the Table of Grace” in your Sing! Prayer and Praise Hymnal #112

S33-36 Hymn “Come to the Table of Grace”
Sing! Prayer and Praise #112

Please be seated.

S37 Invitation to the Table for Communion

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

MIKE

S38 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.

S39 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.

RAY

S40 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.”

S41 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.”

S42 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.

S43 **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

S44 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.

S45 *Please rise if you wish and join us in singing “Go Tell It on the Mountain” in your New Century Hymnal #154*

S46-49 *Hymn “Go Tell It on the Mountain” New Century Hymnal #154

S50 *Please be seated*

S51 Benediction

S52 *Please rise and join us in singing...*

S53 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.”**

S54 *Please be seated*

Ringing of the Bell

S55 Postlude “Auld Lang Syne” Traditional Words by Robert Burns

S56-57-58 (Hold on 58 till we end)



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!

Sean Cameron, Music Director

James Cesare, Trumpet Soloist

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Today's Service is being simulcast on our church channel at

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

DONATED BY:

Tom & Kay Wolf

Karen E. Gunkel Lewis

The Ackers

Gini McLaughlin & Jerry Avolio

Elise & James Cesare

Karen & Hank Maust

Sue Lanchantin

Kathy & Peter Leis

Connie & Roger Kauffman

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Connie & Roger Kauffman

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Jerry & Susan Ryan

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Our Riley and Alice Powell

Martin & Marion Gunkel

Taylor

Loved Ones, both family and friends

Our parents, sisters Annette and Gloria,
brother-in-law Dick

Rev. John A. Geter, Jr., Carolyn Kane,
Karl Hasselriis, Don & Alice Gray

Paul and Loved Ones

Herminie & Mike Bavosa
Shirley & Jim McMann

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

Katie

IN CELEBRATION OF:

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

