



*Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
February 5, 2023*

Communion and Confirmation Sunday

MEDIA, LEADERS & CHOIR BULLETIN

S1 On Screen

S2 Welcome Mike

Good morning everyone and welcome to this Confirmation and Communion Sunday! My name is Mike Jayne and I have the privilege of serving today as your liturgist.

Click – Liturgists, Ushers, Communion Servers

And, on behalf of our congregation, I invite you to serve as liturgist, ushers and Communion Servers. If you would like more information, please see Sue Lanchantin – Sue could you stand and let folks who may not know you – as unlikely as that it is! – see you now and hopefully later to sign up!

Click – Confirmation Sunday for Matthew Lypen

Every Sunday we celebrate our membership, friends and visitors that join us here and home online (“Hello those watching online!). Today, is a Communion Sunday, and we wish you to know that all, yes all are welcome to this table. And if you wish to remain in your seat,, we will gladly bring Communion to you.

It is also the Sunday that we welcome all to Matthew Lypen’s Confirmation, his day to affirm his commitment to the Teachings of Jesus and his adult aparticipation in Sauville Congregational United Church of Christ. Congratulations to Matthew, his parents Diane and Chris and all his family. We are very proud of you Matthew.

And! Following today’s service, please be sure to join us for a fabulous hospitality and celebration spread in our Vestry, followed by talkback at 11:30 or so for those who which to have conversation about today or other things on your mind!

Click – Chair Yoga

And, Chair Yoga with Yoga Master Randolf is back! This is one of our most popular and heathful programs we offer. Please, if you have been thinking of giving it a try, join Randolf and the members of this group on Saturday, Febraury 18th for the next class, or contact Randolf for more information.

Click – Bible Jam Returns

We begin our 2023 Semester of Bible Jam – this time around – on Wednesdays, starting this week, February 8th. Classes will be in person and online at both 10:30 AM and 7:00 PM. More information to come. For now, please save the date and join us. It’s a terrific group and more like “jammin” than studying!

Click – Souper Bowl Sunday

Lastly, our thirs Sunday in a row of special gatherings will finish with “Souper Bowl Sunday” – a themed hospitality centerd on home made soups and other delectables, all in support of the Sharing a Meal program that provides meals to those in need, four days a week out of our Fellowship Hall and Kitchen. It’s back! And we hope you will join us. If you have any questions or how you might help, please see Roberta – Roberta would you please stand?

Are there any other announments?

So, thank you for your patience as we share these comments about our shared congregational life. You can stay up-to-date with events, schedule changes and news by following up on our weekly

Click – eCHimes

eCHimes Newsletter published on Tuesdays each week. For more information, visit our website or go to echimes.org.

S3 Blank Slide for Breathing...

Now, take a moment to center yourself using your breath.

- Sit comfortably...
- Inhale deeply...
- Hold it...
- Exhale...
- Again, breathe in the stillness....
- Hold...
- Exhale the distractions of the world around us, as best you can...
- And listen for the ringing of the bell, followed by this morning's prelude, inviting us into this Valentine Month of Febraury – with thanks to Sean and Jim Cesare on the trumpet...

Ringing of the Bell

S3 Blank Screen

S4 Prelude - Sean

Prelude

"My Funny Valentine" from Babes in Arms
Words by Lorenz Hart, Music by Richard Rodgers
James Cesare, trumpet soloist

S5-7 Call to Worship – Mike

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

Call to Worship from "Write Some New Agenda" by Joseph H. Gilmore

Mike: O [You God] in whom nations are united...

beneath edgy borders,
treaties which define friends and enemies,
the marching songs of a thousand armies
and languages of wondrous difference,
each with a word for love,
each with a word for peace.

ALL: Write some new agenda for a world

healed in our hearts this day.

For even as we draw lines of wire and blood

across the face of the earth;

as we write treaties,

each more comprehensive than the last; CLICK

while trumpets and drums excite the worst in us;

and while we argue with each other

in the foreign tongues of belligerence, ownership and power –

the universe itself speaks the vocabulary of *shalom*.

S9 The Chancel Choir - Sean

The Chancel Choir "Let There Be Peace On Earth" by Sy Miller and Jill Jackson Arranged by Hawley Ades

S10 A Time of Confirmation – Ray

Ray On the table before us is the cup we will lift shortly as part of our celebration of the Eucharist. The Eucharist is one of the two sacraments in the United Church of Christ, the other being baptism. Confirmation in many ways is an affirmation of both: your baptism in which your parents spoke for you and the meal we share which affirms your speaking for yourself, confirming earlier voices with your own as entering into an adult commitment with this church and the teaching of Jesus that we do our best to follow.

Mark On this day, Matthew, you willingly and of your own free will enter into a confirmed covenant with this congregation – a confirmation. Moreso, you enter into a sacred agreement with the God in your life, agreeing to share your journey and your gifts with this congregation, and with all those you will encounter as you grow into your life.

Ray As your family has loved and guided you and leads you here today, you now make your own decision to step forward on your own, but not alone.

Matthew, I would like to invite you to share your faith and commitment to this confirmation that you have requested and that we will shortly affirm.

[Matthew shares...]

Mark Thank you Matthew, please know how delighted this congregation is to welcome you as a full member of Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ. And now, to make as part of your witness and intention to be confirmed, you have previously and independently agreed to answer these questions with “I will “– for all to hear:

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Question: Do you recognize that the God of love, the God beyond all the creeds with all their truths, cares so much about you that you are accompanied by God every step of your way on the journey of your life and the journey we share. **CLICK**

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Question: Matthew, Confirmation is a time of restating your baptism promises that were made for you earlier in your life. Confirmation includes affirming publicly these promises, including an understanding that to be fully human we especially need two things: God and community. Do you accept this affirmation and promise to do your best in sharing your God-given gifts to help others on their journey with God and in community?

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CLICK

Question: While we are always surprised by the way that God calls us to serve, are you willing to commit yourself to careful consideration of the ways in which you may be asked to serve on behalf of your faith, following the teachings of Jesus and serving others, as best you can? **CLICK**

CLICK

Question: Do you affirm our Church Covenant and promise to be faithful to the demands and inspiration of the eternal spirit revealed in the event of Jesus Christ, as best as you can? **CLICK**

CLICK

Question: As a member of this congregation, will you do your best to accept and respect each other and the world around you as a faithful Christian, committed to justice, liberation and equality for all? **CLICK**

Mark And now to the family of Matthew and all our congregation:

Do you promise, to the best of your ability, to continue to live into the commitment “to care for” and be with Matthew as he now joins us as a confirmed member of Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ?

CLICK

Ray [I will invite folk forward, as we did last week.] As folks are almost all gathered:

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[We remain on this slide until the end]

Ray’s prayer notes. Please place your hands on one another and reach out toward Matthew as we pray:

“God of abundant grace and beauty, today Matthew has confirmed his commitment to his spiritual journey with you as his guide, as we practice to do the same. We give thanks for Matthew’s family who guides him and brings him here, knowing their son brings you, God, into this world with an old and wise soul that we already know. A soul many more will come to know through all the days of his life.

We pray and commit ourselves to support Matthew as his life unfolds, and to rely on him and his family to strengthen the love and faith we share as we are witness to his growth and love for others.

May we all continue to learn through one another’s commitment to you, God with many names; a God who lives in us, by all the names we are called, as we share our loves and dreams, our commitment to justice and love now witnessed for all to see in Matthew’s conformation this day, Sunday, February 5th 2023. Amen.”

**S13-14 Sean Hymn “I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry”
New Century Hymnal #351 Verse 1**

I was there to hear your bawling cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
I'll be there in case you wander off and find where trouble dwells.

S15 Please be seated slide...Unison Prayer Mike

Unison Prayer *from "Write Some New Agenda" by Joseph H. Gilmore*

The wind blows across every border,
The sun warms every upturned face,
the stars beguile every opened eye.

The earth opens its arms to all of its children,
providing a feeding place, a growing place,
a loving place, and at last a resting place.

O You ancient Holy One: In thy wisdom, the universe unfolds
in the direction of wholeness and truth and beauty.
Make this fragile planet and us, thy wayward children
a part of that journey, we pray.

S19 Assurance of God's Love Mike

Assurance of God's Love

We are not made to do this work of Justice and Love alone or perfectly. When we miss the mark, when we fall short - we know you are there, moving us ever forward, preparing us for the next step – with the assurance of your pardoning love, and so it is today. Amen.

Please rise if you wish:

S20 Passing of the Peace Mike

Passing of Christ's Peace

Friends, May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Let us now offer one another a sign of peace.

S21 Please be seated slide...

Please be seated

S21 - 24 Today's Reading Mike

First Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)

As for myself – friends and kin – when I came to you I did not come proclaiming God’s testimony with any particular eloquence or wisdom. No, I determined that while I was with you I would know nothing but Jesus Christ—Christ crucified. When I came among you, it was in weakness and fear, and with much trepidation. My message and my preaching did not rest on philosophical arguments, but on the convincing power of the Spirit. As a consequence, your faith rests not on human wisdom, but on the power of God.

Still, there is a certain wisdom which we express among the spiritually mature. It is not a wisdom of this age, however, nor of the rulers of this age, who are headed for destruction. No, what we utter is God’s wisdom: a mysterious, hidden wisdom. God planned it before all ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age knew the mystery; if they had known it, they would never have crucified the Sovereign of Glory. Of this wisdom it is written,

“Eye has not seen, ear has not heard,
nor has it so much as dawned on anyone
what God has prepared
for those who love God.”

Yet God has revealed this wisdom to us through the Holy Spirit. She searches out all things, even the deep things of God. After all, no one knows one’s thoughts except one’s own inner spirit, by the same token, no one knows God’s thoughts except God’s Spirit. We haven’t received the spirit of the world but the Spirit of God, so that we can understand what God has freely given us.

S25 Homily - Ray

Homily

S26 Joys and Concerns - Mike

Joys and Concerns

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

Friends, as we prepare for Communion at this table, we ask for your joys and concerns, so that we may pray together and bring these prayer to the meal we will shortly share, as surely Jesus and his disciples did when they met for nourishment in prayer and in food.

Please wait for the microphone...and respond to each prayer together:

“God, hear our prayer.”

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

Creator God who is in heaven; Hallowed be your name.

Your kindom 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 kindom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

S27 The Chancel Choir - Sean

Please remain seated

The Chancel Choir "Let Us Break Bread Together" American Folk Melody
Arranged by Craig Courtney

S28 Holy Communion – Ray and Mike

Holy Communion

MIKE

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.

RAY

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.
(Gluten Free Available)

Servers’ Communion Responses:

The Bread of Life ~ The Cup of Blessing

Prayer of Thanksgiving

S29-32 Closing Hymn Ray

Please stand if you wish and join in singing our closing hymn: "God, When I Came into This Life" #354 in our New Century Hymnal.

Closing Hymn "God, When I Came into This Life"
New Century Hymnal #354

S33 Please be seated.

S34 Benediction - Ray

Benediction

S35 Benediction - 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."**

S36 Please be seated

Please be seated

Ringing of the Bell

S37 Postlude - Sean

Postlude "Child Of God" Words and Music by James Ahrend

S38 Closing Slide

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.

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