



*First Sunday of Lent
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
February 26, 2023*

S1 Michael Welcome

Good morning everyone and welcome to Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ, where we like to say, "You are welcome before you arrive!" My name is Mike Jayne and it is my privilege to serve today as liturgist and thank you for being with us in person or online. It is good to be together.

Click

S2 Continue Michael

And so, friends, we have just a few announcements. Thank you for your patience.

Click – Bible Jam

Our Bible Jam classes resume this Wednesday on March 1st. Please join us in person or online. Ask almost anyone for more information!

Click – Chair Yoga

A reminder that the next Chair Yoga with Yoga Master Randolph will be on Saturday, March 4th. If you would like to know more about this, please speak to Randolph. Randolph, could you stand and wave?

Click – High Point Choral

Friends, in 2019 while Shannon Conrad was a student at High Point University in North Carolina and singing in their magnificent choir, we planned for a special event to have the choir join us here for an evening of stellar performance by these talented young people and their Music Director Marc Foster. A broken down bus on the New England Thruway somewhere along the route forced a cancelation of the performance. Thankfully, everyone was safe and they were able to continue on the next day.

We then tried again and for 2020 – and we all know what happened starting then and for the next two years. Well! We are excited to share with you that:

Click – High Point Choral Picture

The High Point Chorale will be joining us for a community performance in our sanctuary on Saturday, March 4 at 7:30 P.M. It is free. Open to the public. And we hope you and your family and friends will join us.

And! On Sunday, the High Point Choir will perform during worship, including a performance – we hope – blending our two choirs together. Please be sure to spread the news! We are so looking forward to our time together! Hopefully, “third time’s the charm!”

Click – High Point Choral Picture

Click – eCHimes

To keep up to date, remember our eCHimes Newsletter published on Tuesdays each week. For more information, visit our website or go to echimes.org. And sign up, please!

Are there any other announcement?

And now, I invite Randolph Pearson to come up and lead us into worship with a time of “Centering Breath”

S3 Lotus Slide for Breathing Randolph

Centering Time

Ringing of the Bell

S4 Lotus Slide for Breathing Sean

Prelude “Prelude for Organ No. 69”
by C.H. Rinck

S4-9 Call to Worship Mike

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

Call to Worship Responsive (Adapted from "Hold Fast to What is Good")

Liturgist: In this season of Lent, we make our way to the cross,

All: We remember the steps that led Christ there: betrayal and fear, but also trust in God and love for humanity.

Liturgist: In this season of Lent, we make our way to the cross, we strive to follow Christ's example: to admit betrayal and fear that are part of life.

All: To embrace trust in God and love for humanity.

Liturgist: And so, as we may make our journey, let us worship God, in all the ways God may be known, together and in the name of the one we follow, Jesus.

Please remain standing and join us in our opening hymn:

S9-11 Hymn Sean

Hymn

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

New Century Hymnal #193 vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

Please be seated

S12-14 Unison Prayer Mike

Unison Prayer

Liturgist:

Friends, in this season of Lent, we are invited to consider how we live as followers of Jesus – to look at our decisions and our actions straight on, and to hold them up to the example of Jesus – and to find a way to address what troubles us, directly, as we may. In this time of silence and prayer together, let us look at our lives. And so, we pray first in silence.

(Silent Prayer for One Minute)

In Unison

Holy God, Creator of all that is, hear our prayers – in silence and the voices in which we share. Help us to find a reconciled life in all the ways we seek, in wholeness with each other and you. Amen.

S15 Assurance of God's Love Mike

Assurance of God's Love

Liturgist:

God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they touch our mind or reach our lips. Be confident and comforted in God's Love that surrounds us now and always. Amen.

S16 Chancel Choir Sean

The Chancel Choir

"See What Love" from the oratorio *Saint Paul*
by Felix Mendelssohn

S17 Joys and Concerns Mike

Joys and Concerns

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

S18 Prayer of Jesus Mike

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

(You are invited to pray this prayer in the ways that are closest to your heart.)

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 remain standing through “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

S19 Passing of the Peace Mike

Passing of Christ’s Peace

May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you all!
And also with you.

Please extend a sign of peace to one another.

S20-24 Hymn Sean

Hymn

“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”
New Century Hymnal #476

S25 *Please be seated*

S27-31 **First Reading** **Mike**

First Reading Psalm 32 *By David, A Teaching Poem (Modified)*

Happiness comes from having your rebellion taken away...
Happiness comes from Yhwh not counting your mistakes,
 from having nothing to hide.
As long as I kept my stubborn silence,
 My bones grew weak...because of my constant complaints.
 ...my strength was sapped.

Finally, I admitted how I had moved further from you
 and you welcomed me in love, taking away the pain of distance.

That's why people of everywhere should pray to you—
 they'll find you.

...You are surrounded with unfailing love.
 Exult you of upright heart!

Please stand if you wish and join us in singing

S32-34 **Hymns** **Sean**

Hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"
 New Century Hymnal #292

S35 *Please be seated*

S36-43 Gospel Mike

Gospel Reading Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit, to be tempted by the Devil. After fasting for forty days and forty nights, Jesus was hungry. Then the tempter approached and said, "If you are the Only Begotten, command these stones to turn into bread."

Jesus replied, "Scripture has it, 'We live not on bread alone but on every utterance that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Next the Devil took Jesus to the Holy City, set him on the parapet of the Temple and said, "If you are the Only Begotten, throw yourself down. Scripture has it, 'God will tell the angels to take care of you; with their hands they will support you that you may never stumble on a stone.'"

Jesus answered, "Scripture also says, 'Do not put God to the test.'"

The Devil then took Jesus up a very high mountain and displayed all the dominions of the world in their magnificence, promising, "All these I will give you if you fall down and worship me."

At this, Jesus said to the Devil, "Away with you, Satan! Scripture says, 'You will worship the Most High God; God alone will you adore.'"

At that the devil left, and angels came and attended Jesus.

S44-56

Homily

Please remain seated

S57 Chancel Choir Sean

The Chancel Choir

"There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob"
by Felix Mendelssohn

S58 Benediction Ray

Benediction

Please rise...

S59 Covenant Ray

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."**

S60

Please be seated

Ringing of the Bell

S61-64 Sing Along

Postlude Sean

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"What the World Needs Now"

Words by Hal David, Music by Burt Bacharach



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, we 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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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"

2023 Lenten & Easter Schedule (Update)

V = Vestry S = Sanctuary O = Online

Wed., March 1	Bible Jam	10 AM & 7 PM	S,O
Sat., March 4	Chair Yoga with Randolph	11 AM	V
Sat., March 4 (Free)	High Point University Chorus	7:30 PM	S,O
Sun., March 5	Second Sunday in Lent		S,O
Wed., March 8	Bible Jam	10 AM & 7 PM	S,O
Sat., March 11	Combined Boards Meeting	10 AM	V,O
Sun., March 12	Third Sunday in Lent		S,O
Wed., March 15	Bible Jam	10 AM & 7 PM	S, O
Sat., March 18	Chair Yoga with Randolph	11 AM	V
Sun., March 19	Fourth Sunday in Lent		S,O
Wed., March 22	Bible Jam	10 AM & 7 PM	S,O
Sat., March 25	Chair Yoga with Randolph	11 AM	V
Sun., March 26	Fifth Sunday in Lent		S,O
Wed., March 29	Bible Jam	10 AM & 7 PM	S,O
Sat., April 1	Chair Yoga with Randolph	11 AM	V
Sun., April 2	Palm Sunday		S,O
Wed., April 5	No Bible Jam; Returns on April 12		
Thu., April 6	Maundy Thursday Service	7 PM	S,O
Fri., April 7	Good Friday – Sanctuary	Open 12-3 PM	S,O

Easter Sunday

Sun., April 9	Easter Sunrise Service on The Great South Bay
Board: 5:40 AM	Departure: 5:50 AM Sunrise: 6:26 AM
Return :7 AM	Park at Sayville Ferry, 41 River Road
Polish Breakfast	7:15 AM Fellowship Hall

Sun., April 9	Easter Sunday Service at 10 AM	S,O
	Easter Egg Hunt to Follow Worship	
