



Easter Sunday
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
April 9, 2023



Ringling of the Bell

Introit

"Prière" by Pierre De Bréville

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Chancel Choir Procession

"An Easter Chant" by Gordon Young

Please rise or remain seated, as you wish.

Call to Worship

Gracious Easter God!

Be with us in this world, especially now.

Fill us and call us closer to you

with your Resurrection's glory.

That is, the Glory of God in you –

in us.

Roll all the stones away...

open our heart and love and your power

in this world that needs you always,

especially now,

Gracious Easter God.

Please remain as you are and join with us in singing our opening hymn.

Hymn

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

New Century Hymnal # 240 vs. 1, 2, 3

Please be seated and share in the reading our Unison Prayer

Unison Prayer

“Surely This is the Day,”
by Joseph H. Gilmore
O Thou wondrous, Easter God,
whom space cannot contain
nor time weary;
Thou who art earlier than our living
and later than our dying:

Surely this is a day for a triumphant shout.
For like mourners at dawn
having come prepared
to anoint the lifeless remains
of goodness, gentleness, humility
and truth,
we are astonished by Thy power
and blinded by Thy grace.
Hallelujah!

What dies at the hands
of corrupt authority,
blind arrogance
and insatiable violence,
is raised up by the hands
that laid the foundations of the earth.

On this glad morning,
we stand as at the First Day –
life is again a garden
and not a jungle.
Thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory forever!

Assurance of God's Love

Today, we witness the Resurrection of Christ Jesus in our own lives; we open ourselves to your love and assurance that never failed Jesus nor ever fails us. Help us to remember you are always there. Always. Of this and your eternal presence we are ever assured. May we answer your call to love, as Jesus did yours, in all the ways we may.

Passing of the Peace

Friends, please rise...

Now, filled with this Joy of Easter and the renewal of this day and the days to follow, we share the Peace of Jesus Christ;
may it find its way into the hearts of all around the world...

Friends, with this in our hearts...

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace!

Please be seated

Joys and Concerns

Friends, we now invite you to share your Joys, Celebrations, Petitions and Concerns.

The Prayer of Jesus

Anthem "Christ is Arisen" by Franz Schubert

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance,² so she ran off to Simon Peter and the other disciple—the one Jesus loved—and told them, “The Rabbi has been taken from the tomb! We don’t know where they have put Jesus!”

³At that, Peter and the other disciple started out toward the tomb. ⁴They were running side by side, but then the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He didn’t enter, but bent down to peer in and saw the linen wrappings lying on the ground. ⁶Then Simon Peter arrived and entered the tomb. He observed the linen wrappings on the ground,⁷ and saw the piece of cloth that had covered Jesus’ head lying not with the wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the disciple who had arrived first at the tomb went in. He saw and believed. ⁹As yet, they didn’t understand the scripture that Jesus was to rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹Meanwhile, Mary stood weeping beside the tomb. Even as she wept, she stooped to peer inside,¹² and there she saw two angels in dazzling robes. One was seated at the head and the other at the foot of the place where Jesus’ body had lain.

¹³They asked her, “Why are you weeping?”

She answered them, “Because they have taken away my Rabbi, and I don’t know where they have put the body.”

¹⁴ No sooner had she said this than she turned around and caught sight of Jesus standing there, but she didn’t know it was Jesus. ¹⁵ He asked her, “Why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?”

She supposed it was the gardener, so she said, “Please, if you’re the one who carried Jesus away, tell me where you’ve laid the body and I will take it away.”

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned to him and said, “Rabboni!”— which means “Teacher.”

¹⁷ Jesus then said, “Don’t hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to Abba God. Rather, go to the kin and tell them, ‘I’m ascending to my Abba and to your Abba, my God and your God!’ ”

¹⁸ Mary of Magdala went to the disciples. “I have seen the Teacher!” she announced. Then she reported what the savior had said to her.

Homily “Called by Name”



Holy Communion

All are invited to this table. How could we do otherwise?

Communion Prayer

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

O God, fiery presence out of a burning urgency;
point of light insinuating a gleaming, blinding Source;
tiny disturbance of air at the tip of an angel's wing...

When by day, we look up, which of us could swear
to the presence of stars?

When at the farthest edge of our despair,
the quiet injunction to "fear not" rises up in us –

We need not swear to anything. "Remember me," he said.

And we do, in ways so new that to imagine them only days before
would have been impossible...

In this new light of resurrection and renewal with joy and promise and a
new day, we gather and remember.



The Breaking of the Bread & the Lifting of the Cup
Responses: "The Bread of Life" & "The Cup of Blessing"

*Hymns to be sung during Communion
(Projected on the Slides)*

"Let Us Break Bread Together" New Century Hymnal # 330
"As We Gather at Your Table" New Century Hymnal # 332

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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."

Benediction

Anthem "An Easter Prayer (Open the Tomb)" by James Ahrend

Ushers The Bell is Rung

Chancel Choir Postlude "Hallelujah!" from *The Messiah*,

2023 EASTER FLOWERS

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IN CELEBRATION OF:

Our families:

The Ryans & The Chiappinos and all families

IN HONOR OF:

Katie

Our seven grandchildren

Pastor Ray Bagnuolo, Connie & Roger Kauffman

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Our Riley and loved ones

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Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ

For more than a century and a half, 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, today we continue to celebrate God's love, to advocate and act for the oppressed, and to welcome all those on their spiritual journey, from wherever they may come. Thank you for joining us. Please contact us at any time for more information about our congregation or with any questions you may have for us.

Today's Worship Leadership

Deacon Elders & Deacon Trustees

Sanctuary Readiness Angels!

The Chancel Choir and Sean Cameron, Music Director

Liturgist – Karen Maust; Usher – Diane Vaughan

Media Team – Karin Conrad, Kathi Leis, Mark Conrad

Connie Kauffman, Hank Maust

The Jayne Family, Captain Bill, and Sayville Ferry for our
Sunrise Meditation on the Great South Bay

Laura Heaney and our Polish Breakfast Committee

The Cunningham Family for Our Easter Egg Hunt “on the lawn”.

Laura Weyant, Building and Grounds

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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. For the ways of peace are many. “Namaste”

