



*Second Sunday of Easter*  
*Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ*  
*April 16, 2023*

**Welcome**

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Prelude**      *"Prelude on a Chorale by Thomas Tallis"*                      by W.T. Best

*Please rise or remain seated, as you wish and join in praying together:*

**Call to Worship**                      *excerpt from "The Prophet" by Kahil Gibran*

***"Then the gates of his heart were flung open, and his joy flew far over the sea. And he closed his eyes and prayed in the silences of his soul."***

**As if, indeed, the "heart was set aflame" from beyond all time...**

***Come, let us pray from our risen place, where the silences of our souls and the sound of our voices reveal this community of loving hearts. Welcome!***

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

**Hymn**              **"Here in this Place"              Sing! Prayer and Praise #5**

Holy One may your presence here open our minds  
May your Spirit among us help us to find you rising up now  
like a fountain of grace from the holy ground,  
here in this place. Here in this place. (Repeat)

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

## Unison Prayer

**“While they were talking”  
Jesus stood with them.  
They didn’t know who he was,  
so caught up in their world.  
And then, in a word – Jesus’ words –  
everything changed; a flame was lit.**

**We listen for “our word” – our flame.  
Just as Mary heard hers, and  
the travelers heard theirs; we listen for ours.**

**“The word” that changes everything.  
A *flame* with *that* voice –  
The One who knows the Silence – is not darkness --  
And changes everything, forever.**

**Yes, that word. That flame.**

***\*Pay attention. Be amazed. Tell about it!***

*\*Excerpt from Mary Oliver*

## Assurance of God’s Love

Friends, in the silence there is a “world aflame with joy” – a world of a community where everything it touches turns to joy!

It’s where the *emptiness* is lost, where even hands withdrawn are warmed and warming.

It is Love. Presence. A presence and love that assures us – that God is delighted in us. Feel this warmth, this warmth of God’s Delight and be assured of it...

*As we rise for passing that Word of Joy, the Word of Peace, we pass the Peace of the Risen Christ to one another...*

## Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace!

*Friends, please be seated.*

**Anthem**            “Look at the World”            by John Rutter

*Please remain seated.*

## Joys and Concerns

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

Please wait for the microphone and respond with:

**“God, hear our prayers.”**

*Please remain seated and join us in praying the **Prayer of Jesus**, this morning from  
The New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book*

***Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,***

***Source of all that is and that shall be,***

***Father, Mother, Guardian of us all,***

***Loving God, in whom is heaven:***

***The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!***

***The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!***

***Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!***

***Your commonwealth of peace and freedom***

***sustain our hope and come on earth.***

***With the bread we need for today, feed us.***

***In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.***

***In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.***

***From trials too great to endure, spare us.***

***From the grip of all that is evil, free us.***

***For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,***

***now and forever. Amen.***

*Please rise and join in singing...*

**Hymn**

**“Come Sweet Justice”**

**Sing! Prayer and Praise #137**

The world is hungry for justice, God’s word will point the way.  
The One who came to speak the truth, to challenge those who say:  
that we need not care for strangers, the sick, the lost, the poor,  
the voiceless ones, the outcast, the honored guests of God.

(Refrain) O come, O come, sweet justice come.  
O come, O come, sweet justice come.

When will we learn how to see them, each one a child of God?  
When will our voices raise for them, demand their stories heard?  
Do we wait until all hope is gone, their songs die away?  
With passion we must rise up, risk in the name of God. (Refrain)

*Friends, please be seated.*

**Gospel Reading**

**The Book of Luke**

**24: 13-35**

<sup>13</sup> That same day, two of the disciples were making their way to a village called Emmaus—which was about seven miles from Jerusalem—

<sup>14</sup> discussing all that had happened as they went.

<sup>15</sup> While they were discussing these things, Jesus approached and began to walk along with them, <sup>16</sup> though they were kept from recognizing Jesus, <sup>17</sup> who asked them, “What are you two discussing as you go your way?”

They stopped and looked sad. <sup>18</sup> One of them, Cleopas by name, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who doesn’t know the things that have happened these past few days?”

<sup>19</sup> Jesus said to them, “What things?”

They said, “About Jesus of Nazareth, a prophet powerful in word and deed in the eyes of God and all the people—<sup>20</sup> how our chief priests and leaders delivered him up to be condemned to death and crucified him.<sup>21</sup> We were hoping that he was the One who would set Israel free. Besides all this, today—the third day since these things happened—<sup>22</sup> some women of our group have just brought us some astonishing news. They were at the tomb before dawn<sup>23</sup> and didn’t find the body; they returned and informed us that they had seen a vision of angels, who declared that Jesus was alive.<sup>24</sup> Some of our number went to the tomb and found it to be just as the women said, but they didn’t find Jesus.”

<sup>25</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “What little sense you have! How slow you are to believe all that the prophets have announced!<sup>26</sup> Didn’t the Messiah have to undergo all this to enter into glory?”<sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted for them every passage of scripture which referred to the Messiah.<sup>28</sup> By now they were near the village they were going to, and Jesus appeared to be going further.<sup>29</sup> But they said eagerly, “stay with us. It’s nearly evening—the day is practically over.” So the savior went in and stayed with them.

<sup>30</sup> After sitting down with them to eat, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, then broke the bread and began to distribute it to them.<sup>31</sup> With that their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus, who immediately vanished from their sight.

<sup>32</sup> They said to one another, “Weren’t our hearts burning inside us as this one talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup> They got up immediately and returned to Jerusalem, where they found the Eleven and the rest of the company assembled. <sup>34</sup> They were greeted with, “Christ has risen! It’s true! Jesus has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then the travelers recounted what had happened on the road, and how they had come to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

***Sermon***                      **“Heartburn”**                      The Rev. Jeanne Baum

**Anthem**                      “Sing Community, Sing Peace” by Mark Hayes

**Benediction**

## **Church Covenant**

*Friends, with these words and the world that is warmed by our “Heart-burn” and more, please rise and join in singing our 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.*

## **The Bell is Rung**

**Postlude**     *“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” (Prayer of St. Francis)”*  
*Setting by Jane Holstein, Words and Music by Sebastian Temple*  
*(And, of course, St. Francis)*



## ***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!

*Rev. Jeanne Baum, Guest Preacher*

The Chancel Choir and Sean Cameron, Music Director

Liturgist – Kristine Hoaghtalen; 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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*Peace. Shalom. Salaam. For the ways of peace are many. “Namaste”*