



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

**Hymn**        “All of My Life”                #140 Sing! Prayer and Praise Hymnal

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

**Unison Prayer**        “Gather the Hearts” by Joseph H. Gilmore

**Gather to thyself  
into thy quieting, softening Presence,  
all those who have been  
Hounded into closets  
Where (in fear and trembling)  
they hide  
from us  
and from themselves  
and from You.**

**Gather into one place of light and peace,  
the hearts of us all,  
that our seasons of ignorance and hatred  
might end  
at last.**

**Gather us around  
a gospel  
which forgives in the twinkling of an eye,  
loves in and out of season,  
hopes whether the winds are favorable or not,  
refuses injustice at every turn.**

**Gather us around the prayer  
for a kin-dom in our midst.**

## **Assurance of God's Love**

Friends, in the Presence of God in all the ways we know God, there is a “gospel which forgives in the twinkling of an eye” – and a love that delights in us even before the twinkling begins! Be – here – now – in such love.

*Now, please rise as we pass the Joy and Peace of the Risen Christ*

## **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**            "All Things Bright and Beautiful" 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*

***The Prayer of Jesus***

***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**      “This is My Song”      #591 New Century Hymnal

*Friends, please be seated.*

**First Reading****First Peter Chapter 2 Verses 19 – 25**

<sup>19</sup> For grace is given if you endure unjust punishment for your conscience in the name of God.

<sup>20</sup> What credit is there if you patiently endure harsh punishment as a result of your sin? But if you put up with suffering for doing what is right, this is acceptable in God's eyes. <sup>21</sup> It was for this that you were called, since Christ suffered for you in just this way and left you an example. You must follow in the footsteps of Christ, <sup>22</sup> who did no wrong, who spoke no deceit, <sup>23</sup> who did not return insults when insulted, who, when made to suffer, did not counter with threats. Instead, Christ trusted the One who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> It was Christ's own body that brought our sins to the cross, so that all of us, dead to sin, could live in accord with God's will. By Christ's wounds you are healed. <sup>25</sup> At one time you were straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls.

*Intermezzo*

"Day by Day"

from Godspell

Sean Cameron, Solo

**Second Reading****Acts of the Apostles****Chapter 2 Verses 42 – 47**

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' instructions and the communal life, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> A reverent fear overtook them all, for many wonders and signs were being performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> Those who believed lived together, shared all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their property and goods, sharing the proceeds with one another as each had need. <sup>46</sup> They met in the Temple and they broke bread together in their homes every day. With joyful and sincere hearts they took their meals in common, <sup>47</sup> praising God and winning the approval of all the people. Day by day, God added to their number those who were being saved.

**Homily****Anthem**

"Deep Peace" by David Davenport

**Benediction**

## **Church Covenant**

*Friends, with these words and the world that is warmed by our blend of Justice and Love 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** "Pure Imagination" by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley



## ***Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ***

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