



*Fifth Sunday of Easter
Communion Sunday*

*Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
May 7, 2023*

Welcome

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude **"Jesu, Joy of My Desiring" by J.S. Bach**
James Cesare, trumpet soloist

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

Call to Worship

“What shall I bring when I come before Yhwh , and bow down before God on high?” you ask.

“Am I to come before God with burnt offerings?
With year-old calves?
Will Yhwh be placated by thousands of rams or ten thousand rivers of oil?
Should I be punished [for these things and more] for my wrongdoings?”

Listen here, mortal:
God has already made abundantly clear
what “good” is, and what Yhwh needs from you:
simply do justice,
love kindness,
and humbly walk with your God.

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

Hymn **“We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky”**
#563 in the New Century Hymnal

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

Unison Prayer [Adapted from various sources]

Gracious God, teach us not to think of ourselves more highly than we ought to think. Help us to overcome the impulse to put ourselves forward at the expense of others.

Grant that we may never boast of ourselves, as though we had labored alone without your help – or that of others.

Make us eager to be there for others, to delight in service, to discover always the joy and freedom in learning more to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.

Assurance of God's Love

Friends, in the Presence of God in all the ways we know God, know how much you are loved.

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 **"Sing A New Song"**
by Michael Haydn

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**, from this morning's bulletin or in the ways you may have originally learned to pray this prayer, should those ways bring you comfort.*

***Creator God who is in heaven
Hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done
On earth, as it is in heaven.
Forgive us our trespasses, as
We forgive others who trespass against us.
And, lead us not into temptation
But deliver us more closely to you.
Amen.***

Please rise and join in singing...

Hymn **"Deep Within Our Hearts"**
#124 Sing! Prayer and Praise Hymnal

Friends, please be seated.

Gospel Reading John 14:1—14

¹ “Don’t let your hearts be troubled.

You have faith in God;
have faith in me as well.

² In God’s house there are many dwelling places;
otherwise, how could I have told you
that I was going to prepare a place for you?

³ I am indeed going to prepare a place for you,
and then I will come back to take you with me,
that where I am
there you may be as well.

⁴ You know the way that leads to where I am going.”

⁵ Thomas replied, “But we don’t know where you’re going.
How can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus told him,

“I myself am the Way—

I am Truth,
and I am Life.

No one comes to Abba God
but through me.

⁷ If you really knew me,
you would know Abba God also.

From this point on,
you know Abba God
and you have seen God.”

⁸ “Rabbi,” Philip said, “show us Abba God, and that will be enough for us.”

⁹ Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and still you don’t know me?

Whoever has seen me has seen Abba God.

How can you say, ‘Show us your Abba’?

¹⁰ Don’t you believe that I am in Abba God and God is in me?

The words I speak are not spoken of myself; it is Abba God, living in me, who is accomplishing the works of God.

¹¹ Believe me that I am in God and God is in me, or else believe because of the works I do.

¹² The truth of the matter is, anyone who has faith in me will do the works I do— and greater works besides.

Why? Because I go to Abba God,

¹³ and whatever you ask in my name I will do, so that God may be glorified in me.

¹⁴ Anything you ask in my name I will do.”

Sermon

Hymn

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”

#331 New Century Hymnal

Holy Communion

Adapted from the “Order for The Service of Preparation for Holy Communion” The Book of Common Worship , 1946 Presbyterian Church

The Grace of Jesus Christ be with you

And also with you.

Please consider these Words of Institution of the Holy Supper of Jesus Christ, as they are delivered by the Apostle Paul:

I have received of Jesus that which I also delivered unto you, that Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: and when he had given thanks, he *brake* it, and said:

“Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the New Covenant in my blood: this do ye as often as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, you shall live in me as I live in you.

And, as the same way in which Jesus did these things, I do them with you.

And so we most humbly beseech unto you ourselves, our souls and bodies to be a reasonable and holy living sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, as, in the communion of all in heaven and on earth, we pray to fulfill us in your [refreshing] love through this meal and the ones to follow.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty and *everliving* God, we most heartily thank you that in your great Love you have fed us at your table with this spiritual food, and have assured us of your goodness toward us; and that we are members of the Mystical Body of the [Beloved One].

We pray that you assist us with your grace, that we may continue in this holy [assembly], to bring your love forward to all, as glory to you. We pray these things in your name in all the ways that we know you. Amen.

Anthem "Amazing Grace" Traditional hymn

Arranged by John Coates, Jr.

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 "Couplet" from Eight Pieces for Piano, Op. 99 No. 5

by Jean Sibelius



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.

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