

Unison Prayer

God of vision and love,
you call us to open our eyes,
to see your face in one another.
Sometimes that's not an easy thing to do.
Light of our lives,
open our eyes to one another
and the path you have given us to share.
Forgive us when we misstep...

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. Twinkle...

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

"The Lilies of The Field"

Music by Douglas E. Wagner

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**, as you learned to pray it...or as written here:*

***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 “Empty Jar” #92 Sing! Prayer and Praise Hymnal

Empty jar, clear and clean, dropped into a mountain stream.
Base shears off on stone below, open now to river flow.
Living God, rushing free, let your Spirit flow through me.

Friends, please be seated.

First Reading**First Peter Chapter 3 Verses 13 – 22**

¹³ Who is going to harm you if your goal is to do what is right? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for what is right, count it a blessing. Don't fear what they fear. Don't be afraid, and don't worry. ¹⁵

In your hearts, set Jesus apart as holy and sovereign. Should anyone ask you the reason for this hope of yours, be ever ready to reply, but speak gently and respectfully. ¹⁶ Keep your conscience clear so that, whenever you are defamed, those who slander your way of life in Christ may be shamed.

¹⁷ If it should be God's will that you suffer, it is better to do so for good deeds than for evil ones. ¹⁸ The reason Christ died for sins once for everyone—the just for the sake of the unjust—was in order to lead you to God. Jesus was put to death in the flesh but was given life in the Spirit. ¹⁹ And in the Spirit, Jesus went and preached to the imprisoned spirits. ²⁰ They had refused obedience long ago, while God waited patiently in the days of Noah and the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were brought to safety through the water. ²¹ That water prefigured the water of baptism through which you are now brought to safety. Baptism is not the washing away of physical dirt, but the appeal made to God by a good conscience: it brings salvation through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who entered heaven and is now at the right hand of God, having dominion over angelic authorities and powers.

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Gospel Reading

John Chapter 14 Verses 15 – 21

¹⁵ If you love me and obey the command I give you,

¹⁶ I will ask the One who sent me

to give you another Paraclete, another Helper

to be with you always—

¹⁷ the Spirit of truth,

whom the world cannot accept

since the world neither sees her nor recognizes her;

but you can recognize the Spirit

because she remains with you

and will be within you.

¹⁸ I won't leave you orphaned; I will come back to you.

¹⁹ A little while now and the world will see me no more;

but you'll see me; because I live,

and you will live as well.

²⁰ On that day you'll know

that I am in God,

and you are in me,

and I am in you.

²¹ Those who obey the commandments

are the ones who love me,

and those who love me

will be loved by Abba God.

I, too, will love them

and will reveal myself to them.”

Homily

Anthem "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"
by Jeffrey Radford

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 "In My Life"
by John Lennon and Paul McCartney



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

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The Chancel Choir and Sean Cameron, Music Director

Liturgist – Karen Maust

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