

Unison Prayer

Gracious and loving God, in the face of injustice and violence, grant us courage to stand firmly with You, knowing that Your presence strengthens and guides us; for you are our Advocate and Companion.

Let Your Spirit empower us, as it has faithful leaders before, making us instruments of change, unyielding in our pursuit of a world where justice flows like a mighty river, where we may find solace, hope and unwavering resolve.

May we be the vessels You seek for others in need.

Assurance of God's Love

Friends, in the Presence of God in all the ways we know God, God delights in us all, as only a Creator may. Know how you are loved; and love in return.

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

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Hymn tune by George N. Allen

Arranged by Roy Ringwald

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.”

Pastoral Prayer

*Please remain seated and join us in praying the **Prayer of Jesus**, as you learned to pray it...or as written here:*

Prayer of Jesus

***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.***

Friends, please remain seated.

First Reading

23rd Psalm

God, you are my shepherd---
I want nothing more.
You lie me down in green meadows;
you lead me beside restful waters:
you refresh my soul.
You guide me to lush pastures
for the sake of your Name.

Homily Roger Kauffman, Congregational Voice

Hymn "There is a Balm in Gilead" #553 New Century Hymnal

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 "Ashokan Farewell"
by Jay Ungar



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