

*Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ*

# ***Pentecost Sunday***

*Sunday, May 28, 2023*





## Welcome on this Memorial Day & Pentecost Sunday

**Youruba Welcoming Song**      “Fanga” As taught by Babatunde Olatunji

<b>Fanga</b>	<b>alafia</b>	<b>ashé ashé</b>
Welcome.	All peace to you.	Let it be so.

## Ringing of the Bell

**Prelude**                      "Turn Out the Stars" by Bill Evans

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

## Call to Worship

We gather as one in the Holy Spirit on this Pentecost Sunday, as we call out:

“Come, Holy Spirit, wild and untamed.  
Ignite our hearts, unbind our shame.  
Break down walls that divide and confine,  
In this sacred space, Love intertwines.”

With open hands and hearts, we embrace this transformative power of the Spirit. We invite the fearless Love that transcends barriers and sets us free...into our hearts. Now and always.

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

**Hymn**      “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”  
#270 New Century Hymnal

Like the murmur of the dove’s song,  
like the challenge of her flight,  
like the vigor of the wind’s rush,  
like the new flames eager might:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ’s body,  
to the branches of the Vine,  
to the church in faith assembled,  
to our midst as gift and sign:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division,  
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
with the power to love and witness,  
with the peace beyond compare:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

**Unison Prayer**

Holy Fire, Spirit Divine, on this Pentecost Sunday  
ignite our hearts with your sacred flame.  
Unify us, one and all, in your rushing winds  
    of love, justice, inspiration, and the courage to act.  
Bring a rebirth among us,  
    awaken the child within that you created long ago.  
That child. The one who knows that with you...  
    all things are possible.

**Anthem** "Trumpet Voluntary"  
Music by Henry Purcell  
Words and Arrangement by Martin Pollock

**Assurance of God's Love**

Loving God, of course you love and delight in us! Let your Spirit today  
and every day inspire us with the abundance and assurance of your love

—

*and when we forget just how much you are with us  
remind us with someone before us*

*who needs the love you've given us to share.*

*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.*

**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.*

## The Prayer Jesus Taught His Disciples

*In Matthew Chapter 6 vss. 1-13, Jesus talks to the disciples about how to pray. He says this:*

“Beware of practicing your piety before others to attract their attention; if you do this, you will have no reward from your Abba God in heaven. <sup>2</sup>

“When you do acts of charity, for example, don’t have it trumpeted before you; that is what hypocrites do in the synagogues and the streets, that they may be praised by others. The truth is, they’ve already received their reward in full.

[...]

<sup>5</sup>“And when you pray, don’t behave like the hypocrites; they love to pray standing up in the synagogues and on street corners for people to see them. The truth is, they have received their reward in full. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go to your room, shut the door, and pray to God who is in that secret place, and your Abba God—who sees all that is done in secret—will reward you. [...] <sup>8</sup>Your God knows what you need before you ask it. <sup>9</sup>This then is how you are to pray:

*(Please join me in praying, as you will)*

**“Abba God in heaven,  
hallowed be your name!  
May your reign come;  
may your will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven:  
give us today  
the bread of Tomorrow.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we hereby forgive those  
who are indebted to us.  
Don’t put us to the test,  
but free us from evil. “  
[Amen.]**

**Anthem**

**"Keep Me Faithfully In Thy Paths"  
by George Frederick Handel**

*Friends, please remain seated.*

## New Testament Reading Acts of the Apostles 2:1—21

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. <sup>4</sup> They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, <sup>6</sup> and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered to hear their native languages being spoken. <sup>7</sup> They were amazed and astonished: “Surely all of these people speaking are Galileans! <sup>8</sup> How does it happen that each of us hears these words in our native tongue? <sup>9</sup> We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, as well as visitors from Rome— <sup>11</sup> all Jews, or converts to Judaism— Cretans and Arabs, too; we hear them preaching, each in our own language, about the marvels of God!”

<sup>12</sup> All were amazed and disturbed. They asked each other, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> But others said mockingly, “They’ve drunk too much new wine.”



<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd:  
 “Women and men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem! Listen to  
 what I have to say! <sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk as you think—it’s only  
 nine o’clock in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, it’s what Joel the prophet spoke of:

<sup>17</sup> ‘In the days to come—

it is our God who speaks—

I will pour out my Spirit on all humankind.

Your children will prophesy, your young people will see visions, and  
 your elders will dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even on the most insignificant of all my people

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will display wonders in the heavens above ...

and below. [...]

<sup>21</sup> And all who call upon the name of our God will be saved.’

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<i>salām,</i>	Arabic	<i>paco</i>	Esperanto	<i>vrede</i>	Dutch
<i>paz</i>	Spanish	<i>solo</i>	Farsi	<i>pokój</i>	Polish
<i>hacaña</i>	Aymara	<i>síochán</i>	Irish	<i>mir</i>	Russian
<i>dohiyi</i>	Cherokee	<i>shalom</i>	Hebrew	<i>santipap</i>	Thai
<i>heddwc</i>	Welsh	<i>śānti</i>	Hindi	<i>pace</i>	Italian
<i>paix</i>	French	<i>zhibde</i>	Tibetan	<i>heping</i>	Mandarin
<i>fred</i>	Danish	<i>ud</i>	Igbo	<i>Amani</i>	Swahili
<i>friede</i>	German	<i>heiwa</i>	Japanese	<i>bake</i>	Basque
<i>iríni</i>	Greek	<i>nohopuku</i>	Maon		

## Provocation

**Hymn** "Hush!" #30 Sing! Prayer and Praise Hymnal - Verse 3 Only

Hush! Hush! The Spirit's callin' my name.

Hush! Hush! Can you hear it the same?

The Spirit's callin' my name.

Hush! Hush! Burnin' like a flame.

I can feel it, the pow'r of God.

Oh! Hush! Hush! The Spirit's callin' my name.

Come, Holy Spirit, the Heav'nly Dove.

Teach us to live ev'ry day!

Help us to live in the ways of Love ,

Give us your pow'r as we pray! Oh,

Hush! Hush! The Spirit's callin' my name.

Hush! Hush! Can you hear it the same?

The Spirit's callin' my name.

Hush! Hush! Burnin' like a flame.

I can feel it, the pow'r of God.

Oh! Hush! Hush! The Spirit's callin' my name.

The Spirit's callin' my name.

## **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**

"Windy"

Words and Music by Ruthann Friedman



## ***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"*