

Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 9, 2023



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The Bell is Rung

Prelude "A Prayer of St. Patrick" by John Rutter

Call to Worship

All the world is sacred; all the places in the world, too.
Here in this sanctuary, in the midst of *sacred* –
we share God's love in all the ways God is known.

Friends, whether you have been here long; just arrived;
are visiting; or are here for the first time...
know how welcome you are,
as we join in worship and prayer and song.

Joys & Concerns

The Prayer of Jesus (As you learned to pray it.)

Musical Praise "You'll Never Walk Alone" from Carousel,
Words by Oscar Hammerstein, Music by Richard Rodgers,
Jeannine McKenna, soloist

New Member Ceremony

Reading Psalm 85
from Psalms for Praying by Nan C. Merrill (Adapted and Modified)

O Beloved, how gracious You are
to your people;
You restore our souls time and
time again.
You forgive our distractions when
we wander for a time
no matter how far.

Yes. You bless us and raise us up
in new hope;
You awaken our hearts
to love and one another.
Restore us again, O Spirit of Truth;
fill us with your love, your light,
and the steadfastness of your mercy and compassion.
Guide our footsteps upon the path of peace,
as we recognize you with open hearts,
may everywhere we find ourselves we find You.
And, so know, how possible all things are.

Homily

Assurance of God's Love

New Member Welcoming

In our covenant of membership, we promise to be in relationship with God and one another. As members and friends, we promise to come together, as we learn what it *is* to live in the model of Jesus and the radical and gracious hospitality that courses through his and our very spirit.

Some of what we are called to do is clear. As Jesus stated in his response to the scribe when asked which commandment is the most important, Jesus replied:

“To love God with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind. And the second is like that, to love one another as yourselves.”

Still, the many ways in which we live into this clarity unfolds in our present time with each other, in this shared congregational life wildly open to that same Spirit that continues to speak to us, with us, and through us into the world in which we live, inspiring and guiding us. And with that and more, please know how much you are already loved and welcomed as part of our congregational life, long before you arrive. And now, a bit of the “wild” welcome to these friends on their way to membership! Amen!

Sayville Congregational Church Covenant
Covenant Text Adopted 1976; With Musical Setting by James Ahrend

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."

Hymn Sweet, Sweet Spirit New Century Hymnal #293

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of our God;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of our God.

(Refrain)

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love,
and for these blessings we lift our heart in praise.
Without a doubt we will know that we have been revived
when we leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive
till you know that Spirit's fulness and believe;
you're the one to profit when you say,
I am going to stay with Jesus all the way. (Refrain)

Benediction and Sending Forth

Choral Blessing "May the Road" Traditional Irish blessing, Setting by James Ahrend

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude "An American Tune" Words and Music by Paul Simon



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.

Thank You, Worship Leadership!

The Chancel Choir and Sean Cameron, Music Director

Jeannine McKenna, Soloist

Liturgist – Karen Maust; Usher – Diane Vaughan

Hospitality – Christine Hoff, Hilda Baeza

Media Team – Karin Conrad, Kathi Leis, Mark Conrad

Connie Kauffman, Hank Maust

Sue Lanchantin “At the Narthex!”

Laura Weyant, Building and Grounds

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Today's Service is being simulcast on our church channel at

www.echimestv.org Tune in any time!

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

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