

Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 16, 2023



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The Bell is Rung

Prelude "God Be In My Head" by John Rutter

Call to Worship

Come, All! Seekers of Guidance, Messengers of Peace
into this sacred realm.
Arise! Hearts of ours – the peacemakers and love-givers, all;
be filled with the Spirit of boundless Grace.
Embrace, Friends! The flow of love and mercy
preparing us for the road ahead.
Gather now! With the many around the world,
in prayer and praise and song.

Hymn "For You Shall Go Out" Sing! Prayer and Praise #52

For you shall go out and be led forth with peace;
and the mountains and hills shall break forth into song;
and the leaves on the trees shall clap their hands!

For as rain and snow come down, and do not return,
until they bring bread to the world;
so the words of my mouth shall be heard.

Instead of the thorn the cypress will come.
Instead of the briar the myrtle will grow;
A sign it will be for evermore.

For you shall go out and be led forth with peace;
and the mountains and hills shall break forth into song,
and the leaves on the trees shall clap their hands!

Unison Prayer

Gracious God, fill our hearts with endless love, inexhaustible courage, and your presence to make up the shortfall.

Illumine our inner path with joy and resilience, making us sturdy bridges over the rushing waters of life.

Help us to help others in finding paths of grace in the shadows of adversity.

For there, in such places, too – do we find ourselves in you. Amen

Hymn “Spirit of the Living God” New Century Hymnal #283

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & Assurance of God’s Love

The Prayer of Jesus

Musical Praise “In My Life”
Words and Music by John Lennon and Paul McCartney
Susan Ryan, soloist

Gospel Reading Luke 10: 5-16

[Jesus said] “Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.

“Whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest to you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’

“Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

Provocation

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

Like the murmur of the dove’s song,
like the challenges of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind’s rush,
like the new flame’s 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.

Benediction

Choral Blessing “Like A Rock”
Words by John Howell, Music by Carolyn Kane and C. Edward Hupton

Ringling of the Bell

Postlude “Bleecker Street”
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

Susan Ryan, soloist

Liturgist – Randolph Pearson; Usher – Diane Vaughan

Hospitality – Christine Hoff

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

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

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