



Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 23, 2023

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The Bell is Rung

Prelude "Yamazaki 2002" Music by Ryuichi Sakamoto

Call to Worship (Excerpt of "You Will Be Found" from *Dear Evan Hansen*)

Even when the dark comes crashing through
When you need a friend to carry you
When you're broken on the ground
You will be found

So let the sun come streaming in
'Cause you'll reach up and you'll rise again
If you only look around
You will be found

Out of the shadows
The morning is breaking
And all is new, all is new
It's filling up the empty
And suddenly I see that
All is new, all is new

You are not alone

Hymn "Call to Prayer Sing! Prayer and Praise #61 (Modified)

Floating and flaming and filling new life.
Hov'ring and healing and helping with sighs.
Spirit at work since the dawning of time;
Meet us right here, touch us right now,
Meet us right here, touch us right now.

For as rain and snow come down, and do not return,
Searching and saving and soothing indeed.
Teaching and turning and taking the lead;
Guardians, parenting, birthing new ways;
Meet us right here, touch us right now,
Meet us right here, touch us right now.

Calling and caring and changing each heart.
Loving and lifting us to a new start;
Jesus our Savior, our teacher; our friend;
Meet us right here, touch us right now,
Meet us right here, touch us right now.

Unison Prayer Based on Psalm 119

You, Gracious God of Many Names,
You are a Treasure beyond words.
Teach us to nurture your gifts to us,
so that we may blossom in a world
that sees too many barren and dry fields.

Open our sensitivity to others,
as too many continue to close their hearts.
Help us to realize that our encouragement
may be the only hope someone receives
 in a day, a week or more.
Reflect in us, what you reflected in Jesus.

Let us be the world's sunlight of the heart
and bearers of water that brings eternal life,
as we embrace and share what you share with us --
your ineffable, ever present loving breath
within our own.

Hymn "Spirit of the Living God" New Century Hymnal #283

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me,
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus

Musical Praise "Ave Verum Corpus", K. 618 by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Karen Maust and Connie Kauffman, soloists

Gospel Reading Matthew 20:1-16

^{20:1} “The kingdom of heaven is like the owner of an estate who went out at dawn to hire workers for the vineyard. ² After reaching an agreement with them for the usual daily wage, the owner sent them out to the vineyard.

³ “About mid-morning, the owner came out and saw others standing around the marketplace without work, ⁴ and said to them, ‘You go along to my vineyard and I will pay you whatever is fair.’ ⁵ At that they left.

“Around noon and again in the mid-afternoon, the owner came out and did the same. ⁶ Finally, going out late in the afternoon, the owner found still others standing around and said to them, ‘Why have you been standing here idle all day?’

⁷ “ ‘No one has hired us,’ they replied. “

The owner said, ‘You go to my vineyard, too.’

⁸ “When evening came, the owner said to the overseer, ‘Call the workers and give them their pay, but begin with the last group and end with the first.’ ⁹ When those hired late in the afternoon came up, they received a full day’s pay, ¹⁰ and when the first group appeared they assumed they would get more. Yet they all received the same daily wage.

¹¹ “Thereupon they complained to the owner, ¹² ‘This last group did only an hour’s work, but you’ve put them on the same basis as those who worked a full day in the scorching heat.’

¹³ “ ‘My friends,’ said the owner to those who voiced this complaint, ‘I do you no injustice. You agreed on the usual wage, didn’t you? ¹⁴ Take your pay and go home. I intend to give this worker who was hired last the same pay as you. ¹⁵ I’m free to do as I please with my money, aren’t I? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

¹⁶ “Thus the last will be first and the first will be last.”



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 Rev. Jeanne Baum, Guest Preacher
Connie Kauffman and Karen Maust, soloists

The Chancel Choir and Sean Cameron, Music Director
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!”
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Peace. Shalom. Salaam. For the ways of peace are many. “Namaste”

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