



*Tenth Sunday After Pentecost – Communion Sunday
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
August 6, 2023*

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Welcome

Ring of the Bell

Prelude “Processional” by George Fredrick Handel
James Cesare, Trumpet

Please rise or remain seated.

Call to Worship More than we ever need...

Gracious present God, we are surrounded by your abundance. Not just *any* abundance, but *your* abundance. Boundless love, a rising or setting sun, a gentle breeze, the eyes of a child, the compassionate care instilled in a promise of your love for all – abundance, that is: You. Thank you for this morning and this time together with You and one another. Come, All. Let us worship on this day God has made – for all!

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

Hymn “There Are Some Things I May Not Know”
Hymn #405 New Century Hymnal
Music on p. 2-3

There Are Some Things I May Not Know (Yes, God Is Real)

Kenneth Morris, 1942; alt.

Unison ³

1 There are some things I may not know, there are some
 2 Some folks may doubt, some folks may scorn, all can de-
 3 I can - not tell just how you felt when Je - sus

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plac - es I can't go, But I am sure of this one
 sert and leave me a - lone, But as for me I'll take God's
 took your sins a - way, But since that day, yes, since that

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thing, that God is real for I can feel God deep with - in.
 part, for God is real and I can feel God in my heart.
 hour, God has been real for I can feel God's ho - ly power.

Refrain ³ ³ ³ ³

Yes, God is real, real in my soul; yes, God is real for God has

washed and made me whole; God's love for me is like pure
gold, yes, God is real for I can feel God in my soul.

Please be seated.

Unison Prayer Inspired by "God is Our Shelter and Our Strength" SPP #206

Though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea, we will not fear.
 Though nations stumble and governments decree, we will not fear.
 Instead we still ourselves; remembering God is with us.
*God, with us, and through us, moving as a mighty and wide river,
 Through our hearts and into the hearts of the waiting!*
 Be the river. The Flow. *Be "God in us" into this world*
 With the abundance of what is possible
 with God and one another --
 That is, all things. All things.

Assurance of God's Love

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 “Armellodie” by Chilly Gonzales

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

The Prayer of Jesus

*Please remain seated and join us in praying the **Prayer of Jesus** as you learned to pray.*

First Reading **Isaiah 55:1-5**

“All you who are thirsty, come to the water!
You who have no money, come, buy food and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk,
without money, without price!
Why spend your money for what is not bread,
your wages for what fails to satisfy?
Heed me, and you will eat well,
you will delight in rich fare;
bend your ear and come to me,
listen, that you may have life:
I will make an everlasting covenant with you—
in fulfillment of the blessings promised to David.
See, I have made of you to be a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander of the nations.
See, you will summon nations you never knew,
and nations that never knew you will come hurrying to you—
for the sake of Yhwh, the Holy One of Israel,
who will glorify you.

Hymns “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” **New Century Hymnal # 286**

Gospel Reading The Book of Matthew 14:13 – 21

¹³ When Jesus heard about the [John's] beheading, he left Nazareth by boat and went to a deserted place to be alone. The crowds heard of this and followed him from their towns on foot. ¹⁴ When Jesus disembarked and saw the vast throng, his heart was moved with pity, and he healed their sick.

¹⁵ As evening drew on, the disciples approached Jesus and said, "This is a deserted place and it is already late. Dismiss the crowds so they can go to the villages and buy some food for themselves."

¹⁶ Jesus said to them: "There is no need for them to disperse. Give them something to eat yourselves."

¹⁷ "We have nothing here," they replied, "but five loaves and a couple of fish."

¹⁸ "Bring them here," Jesus said. ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit on the grass. Taking the five loaves and two fish, Jesus looked up to heaven, blessed the food, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, who in turn gave it to the people. ²⁰ All those present ate their fill. The fragments remaining, when gathered up, filled twelve baskets. ²¹ About five thousand families were fed.

Provocation

Holy Communion

Invitational Response "Eat of This Bread" Sing! Prayer and Praise" #153

RESPOND

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Eat of This Bread

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo marking of quarter note = 65. It consists of four staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "Eat of this bread, drink of this wine; come and be fed, come now and dine. Eat of this bread, drink of this wine; here all are fed, here all may dine." The chords are: Eb, Ab, Ddim, Gm, Cm, Fm, Fm7, Bbsus, Bb, Eb, and E-flat. Triplet markings are present over the first three notes of each staff.

Communion Hymns:

"As We Gather at Your Table" #332 New Century Hymnal

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" #139 Sing! Prayer and Praise

Thanksgiving

Our Church Covenant Prayer

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.

Benediction

Choral Blessing "A Closing Prayer" by Doug Besig

The Bell is Rung

Postlude "Sailing" by Benjamin Britten



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

Thank you!

Communion Preparers and Servers

The Chancel Choir and James Higgins, Guest Music Director

James Cesare, Soloist

Liturgist – Jenna Murphy, Usher – Diane Vaughan; Hospitality – Christine Hoff

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

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