



*Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost – Communion Sunday
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
September 3, 2023*

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Welcome

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude “September Song” from *Knickerbocker Holiday*
 Words by Maxwell Anderson, Music by Kurt Weill
 James Cesare, trumpet soloist

Please rise or remain seated.

Call to Worship

All the world is sacred;
All places in the world, too.
Some things reveal their sacredness more easily;
Others are yet to be revealed – but will be. They will.

Here we pray for the known
and yet to be known.
We are grateful for it all
and for the sweetness of this time
in worship together.

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

Hymn “*There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*” #23 New Century Hymnal

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
there’s a kindness in God’s justice, that is more than liberty.
There’s no place where earthly sorrows are more felt than in God’s Heaven;
there’s no place where earthly failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of our minds;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God’s word;
and our lives would show thanksgiving for the goodness of our God.

Please be seated.

Unison Prayer

It is (this thing: time) – empty without you.

It is (this mystery) that stirs mystics and skeptics, alike
to not give up on Love.

To say, “We need you” understates the obvious.

To say, “We love you” – boggles all that means;
the enormity of God’s affection is stunning.

Our time trembles as it always has in such things
Where all glitters with the light of Shekina
the Love and affection of an ever-present God.

Here. Now. Everywhere. Always.

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 "Take Me To Higher Ground"
 Words and Music by Carl Strommen

Please remain seated.

Joys, Concerns, and Celebrations

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.*

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.

- ⁹ Your love must be sincere. Hate what is evil and cling to what is good.
- ¹⁰ Love one another with the affection of kin. Try to outdo one another in showing respect.
- ¹¹ Don't grow slack, but be fervent in spirit: the One you serve is Christ.
- ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient under trial; persevere in prayer.
- ¹³ Look on the needs of God's holy people as your own; be generous in offering hospitality.
- ¹⁴ Bless your persecutors—bless and don't curse them.
- ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.
- ¹⁶ Have the same attitude toward everyone.
Don't be condescending to those who aren't as well off as you;
don't be conceited.
- ¹⁷ Don't repay evil with evil. Be concerned with the highest ideal in the eyes of all people.
- ¹⁸ Do all you can to be at peace with everyone.
- ¹⁹ Don't take revenge; leave room, my friends, for God's wrath. To quote scripture, "'Vengeance is mine, I will pay them back,' says our God."
- ²⁰ But there is more: "If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them drink. For in doing so, you will heap burning coals upon their heads."
- ²¹ Don't be overcome by evil, but overcome evil by doing good.

Anthem "Come As You Are To The Table"
Words and Music by Dana Mengel

Homily

Holy Communion

Invitational Response

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

RESPOND

153 Eat of This Bread

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo marking of ♩=65. It consists of four staves of music, each 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. Each staff contains two measures of music, with a triplet of eighth notes in the first measure of each pair.

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 Prayer

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 “Go Now In Peace”
Words by Don Besiege and Nancy Price
Music by Don Besig

The Bell is Rung

Postlude “Try To Remember” from *The Fantasticks*
Lyrics by Tom Jones, Music by Harvey Schmidt
James Cesare, trumpet soloist



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 Sean Cameron, Music Director

James Cesare, Trumpet Soloist

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

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