



*Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost – Communion Sunday
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
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Behold!

"God saw everything God made
and behold, it was very good." Genesis 1:31

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Welcome

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude “Musique Royale” by Michel Richard Delalande
 Edited and arranged by S. Drummond Wolff
 James Cesare, trumpet soloist

Please rise or remain seated.

Call to Worship (Adapted from Ministry Matters)

We hunger for God’s word of hope.
We thirst for God’s healing in our lives.
Even when we are so fearful, dismayed, sad...
Even when we wonder how we might get through it all...
We come into this place, here or there,
Where God’s healing love and mercy is just a prayer away.

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

Hymn “Come, My People” Sing! Prayer and Praise # 12 Verse 3

Come my people, welcome to worship. Love is the warmth of this place.
Sing to God a song of thanksgiving, sing to God a song of praise!

Stand with each other in one community,
working together God’s reign to give.

Come my people, welcome to worship. Love is the warmth of this place.
Sing to God a song of thanksgiving, sing to God a song of praise!

Please be seated.

Unison Prayer (Adapted from Ministry Matters)

God of mercy, your love is always near. Even when we turn away for reasons we often don't understand. Even when we seek our own comfort, without a share for those who are comfort-less.

You have placed us in a global community where there is much to do that is resolved in belief and practice in you. Help us proclaim your words of hope and love, of healing mercy for all in ways that may be increasingly heard, increasingly practiced.

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 "Simple Gifts" Shaker hymn, Arranged by John Coates, Jr.

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 wish 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.

First Reading Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

¹ My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth!

² I will open my mouth in parables,
I will utter things hidden from of old—

³ the things we have heard and known,
things our ancestors have told us:

⁴ We won't hide them from our children;
we will tell the next generation.

¹² In the sight of their ancestors, you performed miracles
in the land of Egypt, on the plain of Zoan.

¹³ You split the sea and led them through it;
you made the water stand like a wall.

¹⁴ You guided them with a cloud by day, and by night with the
light of a fire.

¹⁵ You split the rock in the wilderness and gave them water
that gushed like the great seas—

¹⁶ you brought streams out of the rocky crag,
and made water flow down like rivers.

Anthem “Amazing Grace” Early American melody, Arranged by John Coates, Jr.

²³ Jesus entered the Temple precincts and began teaching. The chief priests and the elders of the people came to him and said, “By what authority are you doing what you do? Who gave you this authority?”

²⁴ “And I,” replied Jesus, “will ask you a single question; if you give me the answer, I will tell you my authority for these actions. ²⁵ What was the origin of John’s right to baptize? Was it divine or was it human?”

They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘divine,’ he will respond, ‘Then why did you refuse to believe him?’ ²⁶ But if we say ‘human,’ we have the people to fear, for they regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷ So they replied to Jesus, “We don’t know.”

Jesus said in reply, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.”

²⁸ Jesus continued, “What do you think? There was a landowner who had two children. The landowner approached the elder and said, ‘My child, go out and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹ This first child replied, ‘No, I won’t,’ but afterwards regretted it and went. ³⁰ The landowner then came to the second child and said the same thing. The second child said in reply, ‘I’m on my way,’ but never went. ³¹ Which of the two did what was wanted?”

They said, “The first.”

Jesus said to them, “The truth is, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. ³² When John came walking on the road of justice, you didn’t believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you didn’t repent and believe.

Holy Communion

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

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of 65. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a tempo marking of ♩=65. The first measure contains a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) with a chord of E-flat major above it. The second measure contains a half note (C5) with a chord of A-flat major above it. The third staff continues with a triplet of eighth notes (D5, E5, F5) with a chord of D-diminished above it, and a half note (G5) with a chord of G minor above it. The lyrics are: "Eat of this bread, drink of this wine;". The second staff begins with a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) with a chord of C minor above it, and a half note (C5) with a chord of F minor above it. The lyrics are: "come and be fed,". The third staff continues with a triplet of eighth notes (D5, E5, F5) with a chord of F minor 7 above it, and a half note (G5) with a chord of B-flat suspended above it. The lyrics are: "come now and dine.". The fourth staff begins with a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) with a chord of E-flat major above it, and a half note (C5) with a chord of A-flat major above it. The lyrics are: "Eat of this bread,". The fifth staff continues with a triplet of eighth notes (D5, E5, F5) with a chord of D-diminished above it, and a half note (G5) with a chord of G minor above it. The lyrics are: "drink of this wine;". The sixth staff begins with a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) with a chord of C minor above it, and a half note (C5) with a chord of F minor above it. The lyrics are: "here all are fed,". The seventh staff continues with a triplet of eighth notes (D5, E5, F5) with a chord of B-flat major above it, and a half note (G5) with a chord of E-flat major above it. The lyrics are: "here all may dine.".

Communion Hymns

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

#330 New Century Hymnal

"As We Gather at Your Table"

#332 New Century Hymnal

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" by Nancy Price and Doug Besig

The Bell is Rung

Postlude "And So It Goes" Words and Music by Billy Joel



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

Liturgist – Randolph Pearson
Ushers – Hilda Baeza and Michael Hoff
Hospitality – Karin and Mark Conrad, Christine Hoff
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