



*Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ  
October 8, 2023*

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Welcome

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude "Toccata" by P. D. Paradies

*Please rise or remain seated.*

Call to Worship

Come, friends. Draw in closer to the God you know.

If you are seeking, seek here

where we know the wondrous mysteries of God  
far exceed, the answers.

And know just how welcome you are in this place,

Long before you arrive;

And how grateful we are that you join us today.



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

Hymn                      “No Matter”                      Sing! Prayer and Praise # 35                      Verse 1

No matter who, no matter what  
no matter where you are on the journey of life;  
you’re welcome, welcome in this place.

No matter who, no matter what  
no matter where you are on the journey of life.

For we are family, meant to be purposed for eternity.  
Born in love, from above, God’s community.

No matter who, no matter what  
no matter where you are on the journey of life;  
you’re welcome, welcome in this place.

No matter who, no matter what  
no matter where you are on the journey of life.

*Please be seated.*

Unison Prayer                      Adapted from “Patient Trust” by Teilhard de Chardin

Above all, we trust in the slow work of God.  
We set aside our impatience, as best we can.  
We live life into each day,  
As our part in the story unfolds.

And we believe that only God knows  
What this new spirit forming in us will bring.  
And so we give God the benefit of believing  
That God is leading us into each day.

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 "Sing Forth, Rejoice!" Music by John Amner, Paraphrase of Psalm 33

*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      “By Gracious Powers”      #413 New Century Hymnal      v.1, 3, 4  
by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1944; Trans. By Fred Pratt Green, 1927

By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered,  
and confidently waiting, come what may,  
We know that God is with us night and morning,  
and never fails to greet us each new day.

And when this cup you give is filled to brimming  
with bitter sorrow hard to understand,  
We take it thankfully and without trembling,  
out of so good and beloved a hand.

Yet when again in this same world you give us  
the joy we had, the brightness of your sun,  
We shall remember all the days we lived through,  
and our whole life shall then be yours alone.

<sup>1</sup> Then God spoke all these words, and said, <sup>2</sup> “I am Yhwh who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. <sup>3</sup> “Do not worship any gods except me! <sup>4</sup> “Do not make for yourselves any carved image or likeness of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters under the earth...

<sup>7</sup> “Do not utter the Name of Yhwh to misuse it, for Yhwh will not acquit anyone who utters God’s Name to misuse it! <sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy! <sup>9</sup> For six days you will labor and do all your work...

<sup>12</sup> “Honor your [parents and guardians], so that you may have a long life in the land that Yhwh has given to you!

<sup>13</sup> “No murdering!

<sup>14</sup> “No adultery!

<sup>15</sup> “No stealing!

<sup>16</sup> “No giving false testimony against your neighbor!

<sup>17</sup> “No desiring your neighbor’s house!

No desiring your neighbor’s spouse, or worker—female or male—or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor!”

<sup>18</sup> When the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, and heard the sound like blaring trumpets, and saw the smoking mountain, they shook in fear. Keeping their distance,

<sup>19</sup> They said to Moses, “Speak to us and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, or it will surely be our death.”

<sup>20</sup> But Moses said, “Don’t be afraid. God’s coming this way was simply a test for you, to give you a sense of awe and reverence, and to keep you from sinning.”

<sup>21</sup> The people kept their distance, while Moses went up into the darkness where God was.”

Anthem "Look at the World" Words and Music by John Rutter

Homily The Big Ones!

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 Don Besig and Nancy Price

The Bell is Rung

Postlude "Autumn In New York" by Vernon Duke



*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!

The Chancel Choir and James Higgins, Guest Music Director

Liturgist – Karen Maust

Bell Ringer – Michael Hoff

Hospitality – The Mausts and Christine Hoff

Media Team – Karin Conrad, Kathy Leis, Mark Conrad, Connie Kauffman, Hank Maust

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[www.echimestv.org](http://www.echimestv.org) Tune in any time!

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

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