



*Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
October 15, 2023*

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Welcome

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude "Wenn wir in höchstem Nöthen sein" by C. H. Rinck

Please rise or remain seated.

Call to Worship

Amidst the tempest of these times, we gather in a sacred union of hope and endless gratitude. We are grateful for the chance to be together; to share this time to bring our faith to bear on a world that sorely needs God's love, the love we know as present and real in this place. We pray for a divine tapestry of love and calm, as we ask for our prayers to be answered with inspired guidance for bringing peace to our lives and these times. Amen.

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

Hymn “We Are All One” #121 Sing! Prayer and Praise

We are all one in God, who made us one family.

We are all one in God, who set us all free.

We are all one in Christ, the savior who rose again.

We are all one in Christ, the great “I Am.”

Come Holy Spirit come, to bind us in faith and love.

Come Holy Spirit come, and show us the way.

Please be seated.

Unison Prayer

Gracious Spirit, we gather as a united people in your love, seeking your inspired strength and wisdom as we pray. We ask that you embed us with an unyielding steadfastness to uphold what is right and good, just and peaceful.

Infuse our hearts with courage and energize our benevolence, as we rely upon your strength to begin in the smallest of ways to collectively help those in need. Grow us as protectors and nurturers of righteousness and love and peace. Bless our steps and our pathways; fill us with the light of virtue and the assurance of empathy for all we touch, even if we never say a word.

In this unified love, we pray to advance the teachings of Jesus and in all the ways we may follow you.

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 "Dona Nobis Pacem" from the 16th century, Arranged by Hal Hopson

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 "O Grant Us, God, a Little Space" New Century Hymnal # 516

O grant us, God, a little space from daily tasks set free.
We meet within this holy place and find security.

Around us roils the ceaseless tide of business, toil and care,
And scarcely can we turn aside for one brief hour of prayer.

Yet this is not the only place your presence may be found;
On daily work you shed your grace, and blessings all around.

Yours are the work-place, home and mart, the wealth of sea and land;
The worlds of science and of art are fashioned by your hand.

Work shall be prayer, if all be wrought as you would have it done;
And prayer, by you inspired and taught, shall then with work be done.

¹ Moses was an extremely long time in returning from the mountain, and when the people saw this, they turned to Aaron and said, “Come and make a god for us, someone who will lead us. We don’t know what has happened to that Moses, who brought us up from the land of Egypt.”

² Aaron replied, “Remove the gold earrings you are wearing—wives and husbands, sons and daughters alike—and bring them all to me.” ³ All the people brought their gold earrings to Aaron. ⁴ Aaron took the gold, melted it down and cast it in a mold, and made it into a calf, a young bull.

Then the people said, “Israel, here is your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!”

⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before the idol, proclaiming, “Tomorrow we will have a feast in honor of Yhwh!”

⁶ In the morning the people rose early, sacrificing burnt offerings and bringing communion offerings, and then they sat down to eat and drink, and lost themselves in debauchery.

⁷ Yhwh said to Moses, “Go down, now! These people whom you led out of Egypt have corrupted themselves! ⁸ In such a short time, they have turned from the way that I have given them, and made themselves a molten calf. Then they worshipped it and sacrificed to it saying, ‘Israel, here is your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!’

⁹ Yhwh then said to Moses, “I look at these people—how stubborn they are! ¹⁰ Now leave me to myself so that my anger may pour out on them, and destroy them! But you I’ll make into a great nation.”

¹¹ Then Moses soothed the face of Yhwh, his God. “But why, my God, should you let your wrath pour out on these people whom you delivered from Egypt with great might, with a strong hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, ‘Their God intended to destroy them all along, to kill them in the mountains, to erase them from the earth?’ Turn your back on your rage; reconsider the disaster you intended for your people. [...]

¹⁴ So Yhwh relented, and the disaster that threatened the Israelites was forestalled.

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

Homily

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 Don Besig

The Bell is Rung

Postlude "And So It Goes" by Billy Joel

September 2023

You're Invited
to the
32nd Victorian Tea
at

Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
131 Middle Road, Sayville 11782
631-589-1519 www.sayvilleucc.org

We're excited to serve you at 4 seatings

Friday, November 17	1:00pm and 4:00pm
Saturday, November 18	12:00pm and 3:00pm

All tickets are \$40

The menu is not vegetarian nor gluten free.

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CALL NOW to make your reservation. Each table seats 4.

Connie Kauffman 631-567-9411 (ok to leave a message)

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Sayville Congregational UCC

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Please include the names and phone numbers of everyone in your party.

You will all be on the list at the door. No tickets will be mailed.

Come early to buy tickets for our wonderful *Raffle Baskets*
and enter our *Victorian Hat Contest!*

**Please kindly bring a donation to the Chestene Coverdale
Greater Sayville Food Pantry. Thank you in advance.**



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!

Liturgist – Jenna Murphy
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Peace. Shalom. Salaam. For the ways of peace are many. "Namaste"

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