



*Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
October 22, 2023*

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Ringling of the Bell

Anthem "Give Peace Again" setting by James Ahrend

Call to Worship

(From *Emmanuel* #8, by Dorothy Davidson Hauske; Modified)

Every once in a while a miracle finds us, after
looking for a heart in which to do
what it is here to do.

Every once in a while,
we see it at work!
Wonder of wonders!

Let the miracles into and out of our hearts,
sharing the wonder
of wonders.

Sharing the love of God
from which all miracles come.
Here. Now. Together.

Breathe

Prelude "Prelude in C Major" BWV 846, by J. S. Bach

Welcome

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

O God of love, O God of peace,
make wars throughout the world to cease;
The wrath of human wrong restrain:
Give peace, O God, give peace again!

Remember God, your works of old,
the wonders that our people told.
Heal every malice, harm and pain:
Give peace, O God, give peace again!

Whom shall we trust, O God, but you?
For you are constant, strong, and true.
None ever called on you in vain:
Give peace, O God, give peace again!

Please be seated.

Unison Prayer

Eternal One, whose thoughts and ways are not ours,
you alone are God, awesome, holy, most high. God.
School us in our growing faith and wisdom,
help us to truly see and hear you
in the peace we seek; the peace we practice;
in your quiet Voice. Turn all hearts toward you,
beginning with our own.

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.

Please remain seated.

Hymn “Why” #47 Sing! Prayer and Praise

Why must our terrible anguish seem endless?
What can diminish our sense of despair?
Where is our refuge when hatred consumes us?
Who will deliver us, welcome each prayer.

Come gracious God,
bring peace to each mind, hope to each soul,
Love to each heart, that we may praise you, day by day.

Why is there suffering, chaos and torture?
What is the truth in a world without sense?
Where is the wisdom that leads to discernment?
Who will encourage us, be our defense.

Come Jesus Christ,
bring justice for all, truth to our lips,
strength to our hands, that we may follow you, day by day.

Why do we fail to see God in our struggles?
What is the covenant promise of old?
Where are the prophets to witness for justice?
Who will empower us, making us bold?

Come Holy Spirit,
Bring breath to each dream, movement to stone,
wings to each prayer, that we may know you day by day.

Benediction

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.

Choral Blessing "Give Peace Again" (Reprise) by James Ahrend

The Bell is Rung

Postlude "Grateful" by John Bucchino



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!

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

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