



*Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost – Communion Sunday  
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ  
November 5, 2023*

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Welcome

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude "Believe Me, If All Those Endearing Young Charms" Traditional Irish Air  
Words by Thomas Moore  
James Cesare, trumpet soloist

*Please rise or remain seated.*

Call to Worship (by Joseph Gilmore)

All is welcome!  
all that is light in you  
all that is dark  
all that is tamed and predictable  
all that is untamed  
all that is quietly satisfied  
all that still yearns for something more  
all that weeps for times and persons lost  
all that laughs loud and long  
all that is broken apart  
all that is broken open  
all that is knitted new again and holy  
all that whispers the name of God in reverence  
all that snarls the name of God in anger  
    hurling it like a curse  
all the dreams, some gained in the heat of the day,  
    some lost in a forgotten night.

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

Hymn "You Are Welcome Here" Sing! Prayer and Praise # 26

*Please be seated.*

Unison Prayer (by Joseph Gilmore)

Seek the sweet mystery of God,  
Who wants to be found by you  
as though by you alone.  
These things are not in reach  
of common sense and the morning news.  
They come out of a wild love,  
and an unfettered imagination,  
a brave heart,  
and a thinking which is schooled in modesty.

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!*

Anthem "Many Gifts, One Spirit"  
Words and Music by Allen Pote

*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.

Gospel Reading            Matthew 23:1-12

<sup>23:1</sup> Jesus told the crowds and the disciples, <sup>2</sup> “The religious scholars and the Pharisees have succeeded Moses as teachers; <sup>3</sup> therefore, perform every observance they tell you to. But don’t follow their example; even they don’t do what they say. <sup>4</sup> They tie up heavy loads and lay them on others’ shoulders, while they themselves will not lift a finger to help alleviate the burden.

<sup>5</sup> “All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and wear huge tassels. <sup>6</sup> They are fond of places of honor at banquets and the front seats in synagogues. <sup>7</sup> They love respectful greetings in public and being called ‘Rabbi.’

<sup>8</sup> “But as for you, avoid the title ‘Rabbi.’ For you have only one Teacher, and you are all siblings and kin. <sup>9</sup> And remember you have only one Parent—our loving God in heaven. <sup>10</sup> Avoid being called leaders. You have only one leader—the Messiah. <sup>11</sup> “The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest. <sup>12</sup> Those who exalt themselves will be humbled, but those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Anthem                    "Communion Prayer"  
                                  Words by M. F. C. Wilson, Music by Allen Pote

A Seat at the Table        Barbara Salva

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table    (by Joseph Gilmore)

When you come here, when you come among us;  
when you take the bread and drink the cup,  
do not bring your Sunday morning self only  
bring all of your selves, for here –

*All is welcome*

Thus does truth triumph over grammar.  
We do not just live in a world.  
There is a world in us.

We *are* a world –  
As surely as God is creating the world without,  
God is creating the world within.

Come then, to this our beloved table,  
For here

All Are welcome.

All Is Welcome.

Communion Hymns

“Jesus Took the Bread”                    #343 New Century Hymnal

“Let Us Break Bread Together”        #330 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" Words and Music by Don Besig and Nancy Price

### The Bell is Rung

Postlude              "Bein' Green" Words and Music by Joe Raposo



*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

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Tune in any time!

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

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