



*Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
November 19, 2023*

Welcome

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" by William Moore, arr. Renfrow

Please stand if you wish and join in this morning's Call to Worship

Call to Worship "Fully " (Excerpt) Ray Bagnuolo

Is there such a place as "fully"?
Yes, and its path is a gift of the moment,
A sudden shaft of sunlight through the breaking clouds.

It often appears unexpectedly.
"Out of the blue or the clouds"
Catching us unawares in an instant.

Then it overwhelms "this place"
And we know there is more...gloriously so,
Here in this place.

Where you are welcome, fully.
Here in this place.

Please remain as you are and join in this morning's opening hymn.

Hymn: "Here in This Place" #5 Sing! Prayer and Praise Hymnal

Holy one may your presence here
open our minds.
May your Spirit among us
help us to find
you are rising up now
like a fountain of grace
from the holy ground.
Here in this place.

Please be seated.

Unison Prayer by Ray Bagnuolo (Excerpt)

Emmanuel, All!
In all the ways God is known,
God delights in us!

Embrace this delighted God --
Speak this language of "Emmanuel"
Silently and with words, if needed.

"God with us; us with God."
Always.
Emmanuel.

Assurance of God's Love

Passing of Christ's Peace

Anthem "Let There Be Peace on Earth"
Music by Sy Miller and Jill Jackson, Arranged by Hawley Ades

Joys and Concerns

Please respond, "God, hear our prayers."

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Jesus

Please remain seated and join us in praying the Prayer of Jesus (The Lord's Prayer) as you learned or wish to pray...

Followed by our Response Hymn: "How Deep the Silence of the Soul".

Response Hymn “How Deep the Silence of the Soul”
#509 New Centruy Hymnal

How deep the silence of the soul that lives within your grace.
How full the gratutide of heart in your abiding place.

What rich serenity is found, what courage and release
When wisdom teaches us to seek the gentle path to peace.

Like unseen chimes on moving air, like warm and morning sun,
Like gladening, greening, growing things, like trees with blooms begun.

Such is your presence in our lives, you touch without a trace,
Until we turn and find ourselves held fast in your embrace.

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴ “Again, it’s like a wealthy landowner who was going on a journey and called in three workers, entrusting some funds to them. ¹⁵ The first was given five thousand dollars, the second two thousand, and the third one thousand, according to each one’s ability. Then the landowner went away. ¹⁶ Immediately the worker who received the five thousand went and invested it and made another five. ¹⁷ In the same way, the worker who received the two thousand doubled that figure. ¹⁸ But the worker who received the one thousand instead went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried the money.

¹⁹ “After a long absence, the traveler returned home and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The one who had received the five thousand came forward bringing the additional five, saying, ‘You entrusted me with five thousand; here are five thousand more.’

²¹ “The landowner said, ‘Well done! You are a good and faithful worker. Since you were dependable in a small matter, I will put you in charge of larger affairs. Come, share my joy!’

²² “The one who had received the two thousand then stepped forward with the additional two, saying, ‘You entrusted me with two thousand; here are two thousand more.’

²³ “The landowner said to this one, ‘Cleverly done! You too are a good and faithful worker. Since you were dependable in a small matter, I will put you in charge of larger affairs. Come, share my joy!’

²⁴ “Finally the one who had received the one thousand stepped forward and said to the landowner, ‘Knowing your ruthlessness—you who reap where you did not sow and gather where you did not scatter—²⁵ and fearing your wrath, I went off and buried your thousand dollars in the ground. Here is your money back.’

²⁶ “The landowner exclaimed, ‘You worthless, lazy lout! So you know that I reap where I don’t sow and gather where I don’t scatter, do you? ²⁷ All the more reason to deposit my money with the bankers, so that on my return I could have had it back with interest! ²⁸ You, there! Take the thousand away from this bum and give it to the one with the ten thousand.

²⁹ “Those who have will get more until they grow rich, while those who have not will lose even the little they have. ³⁰ Throw this worthless one outside into the darkness, where there is wailing and grinding of teeth.’”

Homily

Anthem "Dona Nobis Pacem"
Arranged by Hal Hopson



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