



Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ  
February 4, 2024 - Communion Sunday

Announcements

The Bell is Rung

Prelude                    “Sinfonia”  
                                  by Henry Purcell  
                                  Edited and arranged by S. Drummond Wolff  
                                  James Cesare, trumpet soloist

Call to Worship        *from* “Write Some New Agenda” by Joseph H. Gilmore

Liturgist:

O [You God] in whom nations are united...  
beneath edgy borders,  
treaties which define friends and enemies,  
the marching songs of a thousand armies  
and languages of wondrous difference,  
each with a word for love, each with a word for peace.

All:

**Write some new agenda for a world  
healed in our hearts this day.  
For even as we draw lines of wire and blood  
across the face of the earth; as we write treaties,  
each more comprehensive than the last;  
while trumpets and drums excite the worst in us;  
and while we argue with each other  
in the foreign tongues of belligerence, ownership and power –  
the universe itself speak the vocabulary of *shalom*.**

The Chancel Choir      “Many Gifts, One Spirit” Words and Music by Allen Pote

Unison Prayer      *from* “Write Some New Agenda” by Joseph H. Gilmore

The wind blows across *every* border,  
The sun warms *every* upturned face,  
the stars beguile *every* opened eye.

The earth opens its arms to all of its children,  
providing a feeding place, a growing place,  
a loving place, and at last a resting place.

O You ancient Holy One: In thy wisdom, the universe unfolds  
in the direction of wholeness and truth and beauty.  
Make this fragile planet and us, thy wayward children  
a part of that journey, we pray.

Hymn      “Blessed Are You”      Sing! Prayer and Praise #77

Blessed are you, blessed are you, O you who are the poor,  
God’s realm is at the door, and blessed are you.

Blessed are you, blessed are you, if hunger steals the day  
For justice we will pray, and blessed are you.

Blessed are you, blessed are you, O you who cry a tear,  
New joy is drawing near, and blessed are you.

Joys, Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & Assurance of God's Love

Prayer of Jesus

Passing of the Peace of Christ

First Reading      1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Not that I do boast about preaching the gospel; I am under compulsion and have no choice. I am ruined if I do not preach the Gospel! If I do it willingly, I have my reward; if unwillingly, I am nonetheless entrusted with a charge. What then is my reward? It is simply this: that when preaching, I offer the Gospel free of charge and do not assert the authority the Gospel gives me. Although I am not bound to anyone, I put myself into the service of all so as to win over as many as possible.

To the Jews I became even more Jewish, to win over the Jewish people; even though I am not subject to the Law. To those who have no law, I was free of the Law, too—though not free from God's Law, being subject to the Law of Christ—to win those who have no law. To the weak I became weak to win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might save at least some of them. In fact, I do all that I do for the sake of the Gospel in hope of having a share in its blessings.

The Chancel Choir      "Come As You Are To the Table"

Words and Music by Dana Mengel

## Gospel Reading

Mark 1:29-39

<sup>29</sup> Upon leaving the synagogue, Jesus entered Simon's and Andrew's house with James and John. <sup>30</sup> Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told Jesus about her.

<sup>31</sup> Jesus went over to her, took her by the hand and helped her up, and the fever left her. Then she went about her work.

<sup>32</sup> After sunset, as evening drew on, they brought to Jesus all who were ill and possessed by demons. <sup>33</sup> Everyone in the town crowded around the door. <sup>34</sup> Jesus healed many who were sick with different diseases, and cast out many demons. But Jesus would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew who he was.

<sup>35</sup> Rising early the next morning, Jesus went off to a lonely place in the desert and prayed there. <sup>36</sup> Simon and some companions managed to find Jesus <sup>37</sup> and said to him, "Everybody is looking for you!"

<sup>38</sup> Jesus said to them, "Let us move on to the neighboring villages so that I may proclaim the Good News there also. That is what I have come to do." <sup>39</sup> So Jesus went into their synagogues proclaiming the Good News and expelling demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

## Homily

## Holy Communion

## Communion Hymns

"Come to the Table"

Sing! Prayer and Praise #112

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

New Century Hymnal #330





*Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ*

For more nearly 175 years, 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, celebrate God's love, however you may know God, by our continuing to advocate for the oppressed, while welcoming all on their spiritual journey, from wherever they may come. Thank you for being with us today. Please contact us at any time for more information about our congregation and questions you may have.

Thank you!

Rev. Dr. Rebecca West, Guest Preacher

Kim Thompsen, Liturgist

Music Director Sean Cameron and The Chancel Choir

Trumpet Soloist, James Cesare

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And all of you!

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