



Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ

February 11, 2024

Welcome

Announcements

Ring the Bell

Prelude "Thumbnail Sketches of A Day in the Life of a Washerwoman — I. Morning"
by Florence B. Price

Call to Worship

(Please rise or be seated, as you wish, joining with us in response.)

*God summons us
to welcome one another.
A summons from God
is a good thing to heed!
So, in the company of one another,
surrounded by the vast Cloud of Witnesses
and our daily transfigurations
in the midst of such wonder...
we welcome all and pray,
remembering how good it is
that we are here together.*

Hymn

“Come We Who Love God’s Name”

New Century Hymnal # 379

Verses 1, 3, 5

Come, we that love God's name,
and let our joys be bright;
Together God's great love proclaim,
and thus surround the Light.

God's grace on earth is found,
the seeds of glory sown;
Celestial fruits on earthly ground
from faith and hope have grown.

Then let our songs abound,
and every tear be dry;
We're traveling through Emmanuel's ground,
to greater worlds on high.

Unison Prayer “A Psalm of Praise”
by Elise Wysong Cesare

Every day you Paint our world in colors bright.
You shower us with your brilliant light.
We will continue to Pray.
We will continue to ask for your Blessings.
You Bless us with your Eternal Light.

Even on the Brightest Day,
 under the most Glorious example of your Brilliance,
 we will Pray for your continued Blessings.
Your Light gives us life.
We need your Guidance to show us the way:
 to inspire us to Brilliance in your image.

The Chancel Choir “God Be in My Head”
Words from the Sarum Primer
Music by John Rutter

(Please rise or be seated, as you wish.)

Passing of the Peace

Friends, welcome to this place of prayer and praise; light and love,
blessings and benediction! With all this and more in mind, we greet
one another with the Peace of Christ:

May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you
And also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of this Peace.

(Please be seated.)

Joys, Concerns and Concerns...

We take this time now to share our Joys and Concern with one another.
Please wait for the microphone so that all those here and home can
hear you... all to hear...

Pastoral Prayer and Assurance

The Prayer of Jesus (As you are most comfortable praying...)

Creator God who is in heaven
Hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory Forever, Amen.

To the One who paints the colors into the sunsets of the sky.
To the One who shapes the plants and creatures infinite of design.
For the 'unsymmetric' symmetry of the sparrow, the oak, the rose.
For the ever-changing tapestry that feed the eye and soul.

We praise You, O God of Inspiration.
We praise You, for breathing life through creation.
O we praise You, praise You.
We praise You God for the canvas of our lives.

To the One who stirs the rhythms into the universe of time.
To the One who calls forth songs of life, joining heart and mind.
For the perfect imperfection of creature sounding Your Word.
For the never-ending symphony of your loves longing to be heard.

We praise You, O God of Inspiration.
We praise You, for breathing life through creation.
O we praise You, praise You.
We praise You God for the canvas of our lives.

To the One who carves each one of us with a beauty all our own.
To the One who weaves the web of life, that we need not feel alone.
For creating recreation: a time to rest, to play to be.
For surrounding us with wonder, that we through your eyes may see.

We praise You, O God of Inspiration.
We praise You, for breathing life through creation.
O we praise You, praise You.
We praise You God for the canvas of our lives.

Six days later, three of them did see it. Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain. His appearance changed from the inside out, right before their eyes. His clothes shimmered, glistening white, whiter than any bleach could make them. Elijah, along with Moses, came into view, in deep conversation with Jesus.

Peter interrupted, “Rabbi, this is a great moment! Let’s build three memorials—one for you, one for Moses, one for Elijah.” He blurted this out without thinking, stunned as they all were by what they were seeing.

Just then a light-radiant cloud enveloped them, and from deep in the cloud, a voice: “This is my Beloved, marked by my love. Listen to this One.”

The next minute the disciples were looking around, rubbing their eyes, seeing nothing but Jesus, only Jesus.

Coming down the mountain, Jesus swore them to secrecy. “Don’t tell a soul what you saw. After the One of Humanity rises from the dead, you’re free to talk.” They puzzled over that, wondering what on earth “rising from the dead” meant.

The Chancel Choir

“A Prayer of Saint Patrick”

Words from Saint Patrick’s breastplate

Music by John Rutter

Homily

“Good Grief!”

Randolf Pearson

“Church Covenant”

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.;

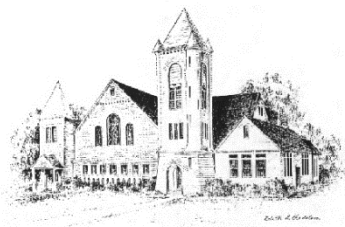
to reach out with the courage of our convictions
in the cause of justice, liberation, and equality for all.
In this, we covenant to keep the ultimate promise:
“I care, I am with you.

Benediction

Choral Blessing “Go Now in Peace”
Lyrics by Don Besig and Nancy Price
Music by Don Besig

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude “Little Love”
Words and Music by Gabriel Kahane



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!

Today's Worship Leadership

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Liturgist – Karen Maust

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And all of you!

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