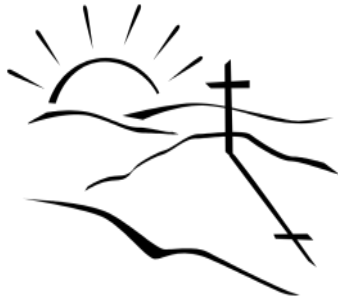


**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE 2024**  
**Sayville Congregational**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**131 Middle Road Sayville, NY 11782**



## Call to Worship

*Leader:* There was darkness over the earth before creation;

*All:* **There is darkness in the womb before birth;**

*Leader:* The seed grows in darkness before it meets the light;

*All:* **There is darkness in the tomb before resurrection.**

*Leader:* But now Christ is risen!

*All:* **The dawn has come.**

*Leader:* A new creation has commenced.

*All:* **The world is born anew.**

*Leader:* Christ is risen.

*All:* **Christ is risen indeed!**

*Leader:* Thanks be to God!

*All:* **ALLELUIA!**

## **Hymn      “Morning Has Broken”**

Morning has broken like the first morning  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird  
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning  
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning  
Born of the one light, Eden saw play  
Praise with elation, praise every morning  
God's recreation of the new day

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## **Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:1-10**

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

## **Hymn      “Blessed Assurance”**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.

### *Refrain:*

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight!  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

### *Refrain*

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blessed;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love.

### *Refrain*

## Rolling Away Our Stones

*Silent prayer;  
All toss pebbles into the sea*

Passing of the Peace

Lord's Prayer

*Distribution of flowers*

Hymn: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

*Decoration of the Cross*

Closing Prayer

*Leader:* We have come from darkness and despair to hope and joy.

*All:*       **We have been transformed by new life.**

*Leader:* Go forth to witness and to testify to the message of hope we have received this day.

*All:*       **Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

Return to Shore

*Please join us for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall!*

**Hymn      “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”**

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Mortal tongues and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, glad heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Let the Victor’s people sing, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!  
Dying once, Christ lives to save, Alleluia!  
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Christ rise, Alleluia!  
God has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

*Easter Sunday at SCUCC*

Sunrise Service  
on the Great South Bay



Thank you to our 2024 UCC youth:  
Abigail Langlan  
Matthew Lypen  
For leading this Sunrise Service

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(Egg hunt immediately following)