



## Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ



Pay attention! Be astonished! Tell about it!  
~Mary Oliver

Welcome

Prelude

"Christ Is Arisen" by Franz Schubert

Ring the Bell

Chancel Choir Procession

"An Easter Chant" by Gordon Young

## Call to Worship

Gracious Easter God!  
Be with us in this world, especially now.  
Fill us and call us with your Resurrection glory.  
Set the stones aside  
    that we only think are in our way.  
Be with us in this world, especially now.  
Gracious Easter God.

Amen.

Hymn      "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"      NCH #233

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!

*Please be seated and join in reading this morning's Unison Prayer.*

Unison Prayer: "Surely This is the Day" by Joseph H. Gilmore

O Thou wondrous, Easter God,  
whom space cannot contain  
nor time weary;  
Thou who art earlier than our living  
and later than our dying:

Surely this is a day for a triumphant shout.  
For like mourners at dawn  
having come prepared  
to anoint the lifeless remains  
of goodness, gentleness, humility  
and truth,  
we are astonished by Thy power  
and blinded by Thy grace.  
Hallelujah!

What dies at the hands  
of corrupt authority,  
blind arrogance  
and insatiable violence,  
is raised up by the hands  
that laid the foundations of the earth.

On this glad morning,  
we stand as at the First Day –  
life is again a garden  
and not a jungle.  
Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory  
forever!

Assurance of God's Love and Pastoral Prayer

*Friends, please rise if you wish.*

## Passing of the Peace

Filled with this joy of togetherness, we share the Peace of Jesus Christ; may it find its way into the hearts of all around the world... Friends, with this in our hearts...

May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you!  
**And also with you!**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace!

*Please be seated.*

The Chancel Choir      "That Blessed Easter Morn"  
by Mary E. Caldwell

## Joys, Celebrations and Concerns

Friends, we now invite you to share your Joys, Celebrations and Concerns. Please wait for the microphone and respond with:

**"God, hear our prayers."**

## The Prayer of Jesus from The New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book

Eternal Spirit, Earthmaker, Painbearer, Lifegiver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father, Mother, Guardian of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever. Amen

Hymn      "The Day of Resurrection"      NCH #245

The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness,  
the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ has brought us over  
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,  
that we may see aright  
the Christ who reigns eternal  
in resurrection light;  
We listen for the teachings  
once heard so calm and plain,  
for we, too, want to follow  
and raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,  
let earth its song begin,  
the whole world keep high triumph,  
and all that is therein;  
Let all things seen and unseen  
their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ again has risen,  
our joy that has no end.

## First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

So Peter said to them, "I begin to see how true it is that God shows no partiality – rather, that any person of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God. This is the message God has sent to the people of Israel, the Good News of peace proclaimed through Jesus Christ, who is Savior of all.

"You yourselves know what took place throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee with the baptism John proclaimed. You know how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how Jesus went about doing good works and healing all who were in the grip of the Devil, because God was with him. We are our witnesses to all that Jesus did in the countryside and in Jerusalem. Finally, Jesus was killed and hung on a tree, only to be raised by God on the third day. God allowed him to be seen, not by everyone, but only by the witnesses who had been chosen beforehand by God – that is, by us, who ate and drank with Christ after the resurrection from the dead. And Christ commissioned us to preach to the people and to bear witness that this is the one set apart by God as judge of the living and the dead. To Christ Jesus all the prophets testify, that everyone who believes has forgiveness of sins through this Name."

The Chancel Choir      "An Easter Prayer (Open The Tomb)"  
by James Ahrend

## Gospel Reading: Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women came to the tomb bringing the spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled back from the tomb; but when they entered the tomb, they didn't find the body of Jesus. While they were still at a loss over what to think of this, two figures in dazzling garments stood beside them. Terrified, the women bowed to the ground. The two said to them, "Why do you search for the Living One among the dead? Jesus is not here; Christ has risen.

Remember what Jesus said to you while still in Galilee—that the Chosen One must be delivered into the hands of sinners and be crucified, and on the third day would rise again.” With this reminder, the words of Jesus came back to them. When they had returned from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but the story seemed like nonsense and they refused to believe them. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. He stooped down, but he could see nothing but the wrappings. So he went away, full of amazement at what had occurred.

Message                      "Vengeance Redefined"                      Rev. Jeanne Baum

#### Invitation to Give

We welcome your offerings at this time and invite you to place your prayer and information cards in the plate as we sing our Church Covenant.

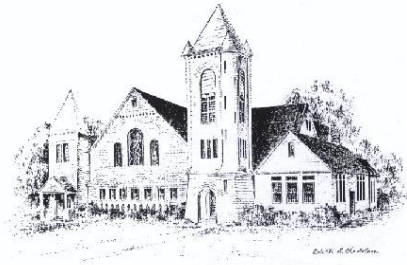
#### Church Covenant

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

#### Ringling of the Bell

Postlude                      “Hallelujah!” from *The Messiah*  
by George Frideric Handel



## Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ

For more than a century and a half, Sayville 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.

Thank You, Worship Leadership!  
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Liturgist – Mike Jayne

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