



Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
Communion Sunday
June 2, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

The Bell is Rung

Prelude

"Over the Rainbow"

by Harold Arlen and Yip Harburg
James Cesare, trumpet soloist

Please rise or remain seated, as you wish.

Call to Worship

Read by Abbey Langlan

Gracious, God calling to us over the ages,
free us from the distractions of this world enough to hear you,
so that others may know you through us.

Let your Word touch us, let our voices sing your praise
And may your love and ours grow here, together...

Please be seated.

"Rhythm as Prayer"

Drumming by the Children

Unison Prayer

Friends, join us in this time of unity and prayer in our worship
together.

We know prayer as the humble recognition of God's presence, and
so we ask for God's help; we see prayer as the inspiration for
faithful action in our lives, so we ask for God's guidance and
courage; and we accept our responsibility to continue such prayers
that began long ago and will continue without end, until such a
time...we pray.

Assurance of God's Love and Pastoral Prayer

Baptism of Anders Boughal

Friends, please rise if you wish.

Hymn "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

NCH #351

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
I'll be there in case you wander off
and find where demons dwell.

When you found the wonder of the Word,
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living God,
to whom you now belong.
Should you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

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.

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

*Creator God who is in heaven
Hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done
On earth, as it is in heaven.
Forgive us our trespasses, as
We forgive others who trespass against us.
And, lead us not into temptation
But deliver us more closely to you. Amen.*

The Chancel Choir Anthem “Walk Along Beside Me, O My Lord”
by Don Besig

First Reading Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (New Revised Standard Version)

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up:
 you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down
 and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
 O Lord, you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before,
 and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too great for me;
 it is so high I cannot attain it.

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For it was you who formed my inward parts;
 you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
 that I know very well
My frame was not hidden from you,
 when I was being made in secret,
 intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
 all the days that were formed for me,
 when none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
I try to count them – they are more than the sand;
I come to the end – I am still with you.

The Chancel Choir Anthem "Communion Prayer" by Allen Pote

Gospel Reading Mark 2:23-3:6 (New Revised Standard Version)

One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food, how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which was not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions?" Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath, so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They were watching to see whether Jesus would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around them with anger; he was grieved by their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Homily

"Tapestry"

Rev. Rebecca West

Holy Communion

Communion Hymns

Let Us Break Bread Together

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As We Gather at Your Table

NCH #332

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

We thank you for arms full of life, hearts full of hope, eyes full of wonder. We hold our hands open to receive those you send to us. Our feet are ready to dance with the world, teaching and learning as we go. With minds hungry for what you will reveal and knees willing to honor the mystery, we come to you – in these things and more – especially, in remembrance of you. Amen.

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

Rev. Rebecca West

Choral Blessing

"A Closing Prayer" by Don Besig

Ringling of the Bell

Postlude

"Temporary" by John Bucchino

Sayville Congregational Sunday School Participants

Abigail Langlan, JJ Langlan, Marcus Ruf, Amy Hillard,
Juliet Keyes and Brithsy Torres

Deep expression of praise and acknowledgement to the Helping Hands who made the program a memorable one!

Mark Conrad, Heather Dominguez, Gini McLaughlin, Matthew Lypen, Jeff Langlan, Jeannie Newcome, Virginia Rowley, Pat Mahar, Roxy York, Maia Lewis, Karen Lewis, Jeanine McKenna, Mariana Torres and Laura Langlan



Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ

For more than a century and a half, 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, 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!
Rev. Rebecca West, Guest Preacher
The Chancel Choir and Sean Cameron, Music Director
James Cesare, Trumpet Soloist
Liturgist – Mariana Torres
Ushers – Roberta Smith, Lorraine Severin,
Diane Vaughan and Kathy Leis
Hospitality -- The Sunday School
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Peace. Shalom. Salaam. For the ways of peace are many.
"Namaste"