



LOVE WINS

Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ  
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
June 16, 2024

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Welcome!

We continue this month's observation and celebration of Pride and our LGBTQIA+ family with Barbara Salva as our Congregational Voice. By celebrating who it is God has created us all to be, we reflect the presence of God, in all the ways we know God. When we are who we are, the light shines ever more brightly. Shines in all the colors of the spectrum and beyond. It becomes a beacon of hope, love and peace; welcoming, invitation and joy for everyone, one and all. Let it shine!

On this day, we are grateful to be together on Father's Day, giving thanks to those who have guided and loved us on our journey, whether they are part of our families of origin or our families of choice – or some blend of the two – we are blessed and grateful for you all.

So with these things in mind and all that you bring with you this morning, let us be still, center and listen for the bell and the beginning of this morning's worship.

The Bell is Rung

Prelude	"Londonderry Air"	Traditional Irish folk tune Arranged by Keith Jarrett
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*Please rise or remain seated, as you wish.*

Call to Worship

If we could see the light  
beyond the limits of our vision  
what might we learn?

Perhaps we would find a new prism  
beyond all rainbows that have arced the sky  
and a peacefulness that flows wide.

Imagine such things here,  
for this is the place where nothing is hidden  
just waiting to be seen.

Take a look,  
beyond your vision...  
and join us in worship.

Hymn            "Born from a Star"            Sing! Prayer and Praise #48

"Sand on the shoreline, stars in the sky;  
Dust of the earth: a numberless line:"  
Abraham and Sarai set off in faith.  
Following God's promise of future grace.

Now let them gather, from near and far.  
God's holy children, dust of a star.  
Shine with great brightness, pure as the light.  
Join with each other, dance in the night.

Circle together, no need to fear.  
Singing God's praises, for all to hear.  
Reclaim God's power, be who you are.  
God's own creation, born from a star.

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

## Unison Prayer

"While they were talking"  
Jesus stood with them.

They didn't know who he was,  
so caught up in their world.  
And then, in a word – Jesus' words –  
everything changed; a flame was lit.

We listen for "our word" – our flame.  
Just as Mary heard hers, and  
the travelers heard theirs  
We listen for ours.

"The word" that changes everything.  
A flame with that voice –  
The One who knows the Silence – is not darkness --  
And changes everything, forever.  
Yes, that word: That flame.

*Pay attention. Be amazed. Tell about it!*  
(Mary Oliver)

## 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            “For the Beauty of the Earth”  
Words and Music by John Rutter

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 "Let Justice Flow like Streams" NCH #588

Let justice flow like streams  
of sparkling water, pure,  
Enabling growth, refreshing life,  
abundant, cleansing, sure.

Let righteousness roll on  
as others' cares we heed,  
An everflowing stream of faith  
translated into deed.

So may God's plumb line, straight,  
define our measure true,  
And justice, right, and peace pervade  
this world our whole life through.

Gospel Reading

Mark: 4:35-41 (Inclusive Bible)

<sup>35</sup> With the coming of evening that same day, Jesus said to the disciples, "Let's cross over to the other shore." <sup>36</sup> Leaving the crowd behind, they took Jesus in the boat in which he was sitting. There were other boats with them.

<sup>37</sup> Then a fierce gale arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat so much that it was almost swamped. <sup>38</sup> But Jesus was in the stern, leaning back, sound asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said, "Teacher, doesn't it matter to you that we are going to drown?" <sup>39</sup> Jesus awoke, rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Quiet!" And the wind dropped and everything was perfectly calm. <sup>40</sup> Jesus then said to the disciples, "Why were you so frightened? Have you no faith?"

<sup>41</sup> But they became filled with fear and said to one another, "Who is this, whom even the wind and sea obey?"

The Chancel Choir      "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"  
Text by Joyce Merman  
Hymn tune by George Allen  
Arranged by Roy Ringwald

Congregational Voice      Barbara Salva

#### 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

Choral Blessing      "May the Road" Setting by James Ahrend

#### Ringling of the Bell

Postlude      "Bein' Green" Words and Music by Joe Raposo



For more than a century and a half, Sayville's Congregational Church has served families on the South Shore and 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 speak for the oppressed, and to welcome those seeking a spiritual home. To learn about our congregation and membership, please speak with any deacon.

Today's Worship Leadership

Barbara Salva, Congregational Voice

The Chancel Choir and Sean Cameron, Music Director

Liturgist – Karen Maust

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Today's Service is being simulcast on our church channel at  
[www.echimestv.org](http://www.echimestv.org) Tune in any time!

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