



## Call to Worship

This is a place of invitation,  
a reflection of the One Invitation  
born of God's Delight and Love  
(and place at the table)  
for all! Welcome to this house  
of God, in all the ways  
you may know God.

*Please remain standing, if you wish.*

Hymn      "Welcome to this House"      Sing! Prayer and Praise #7

Welcome to this house,  
open and affirming.  
In God's Son we are all one.  
Hand in hand we stand.  
Welcome to this house,  
caring and accepting.  
In God's Son we are all one.  
Welcome to this house of God.

Welcome to this house,  
there is room for ev'ryone.  
All will sing, praises we bring.  
Let us all be one.  
Welcome to this house,  
where God gives the call to serve.  
All will sing, praises we bring.  
Welcome to this house of God.

Welcome to this house,  
blessed by Word and Harmony.  
Child of God, born from above.  
Know that Christ is love.  
Welcome to this house,  
filled with peace and charity.  
Child of God, born from above,  
welcome to this house of God.

*Please be seated.*

### Unison Prayer

It is simple and wondrous.  
This time that follows the "before"  
and leads to "its" return.  
"What will we do with our one  
wild and precious life"?  
(This time around.)  
That, as it always does, begins in this moment, anew.  
Simple and wondrous, wild and precious,  
with all the gifts and hearts we bring, we join  
(together)  
in worship, praise and song.

### Assurance of God's Love

We know that we are loved and affirmed and each and every one  
of us are children of God.

Blessed by our creator in all of our wondrous and human variety.

*Friends, please rise or remain seated, as 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

"Look At The World"

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

*Friends, please rise or remain seated, as you wish.*

Hymn "In Christ There is No East or West" New Century Hymnal #395

In Christ there is no East or West,  
in Christ no South or North;  
But one community of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;  
God's service is the golden cord  
Close-binding humankind.

In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek,  
and neither slave nor free;  
For men and women live in God,  
and all are kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West,  
in Christ meet South and North;  
One joyous, true community  
throughout the whole wide earth.

Gospel Reading Mark 5:21-43 (Inclusive Bible)

<sup>21</sup> When Jesus had crossed again to the other shore in the boat, a large crowd gathered, and he stayed by the lakeside.

<sup>22</sup> Then one of the synagogue officials – Jairus by name – came up and, seeing Jesus, fell down <sup>23</sup>and pleaded earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is desperately sick. Come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life." <sup>24</sup> Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed, pressing from all sides.

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a woman who had suffered from hemorrhages for 12 years; <sup>26</sup> after long and painful treatment from various doctors, she had spent all she had without getting better – in fact, she was getting worse. <sup>27</sup> She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak. <sup>28</sup> "If I can touch even the hem," she had told herself, "I will be well again." <sup>29</sup> Immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction.

<sup>30</sup> Immediately aware that healing power had gone out from him, Jesus turned to the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?"

<sup>31</sup> The disciples said, "You see how the crowd is pressing you and yet you say, 'who touched me?'" <sup>32</sup> But Jesus continued to look around to see who had done it.

<sup>33</sup> Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at Jesus' feet and told him the whole truth.

<sup>34</sup> "My daughter," Jesus said, "your faith has saved you; go in peace and be free of your affliction."

<sup>35</sup> While Jesus was still speaking, some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why put the Teacher to any further trouble?" <sup>36</sup> But Jesus overheard the remark and said to the official: "Don't be afraid. Just believe." <sup>37</sup> Jesus allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and James' brother John.

<sup>38</sup> They came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people, weeping and wailing unrestrainedly.

<sup>39</sup> Jesus went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep." <sup>40</sup> At this, they begin to ridicule him, and he told everyone to leave.

Jesus took the child's mother and father and his own companions and entered the room where the child lay. <sup>41</sup> Taking her hand, he said to her, "Talitha, koum!" Which means, "Little girl, get up!" <sup>42</sup> Immediately the girl who was 12 years old, got up and began to walk about.

At this, they were overcome with astonishment. <sup>43</sup> Jesus gave the family strict orders, not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give the little girl something to eat.

The Chancel Choir

"On The Willows" from *Godspell*

Music and Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz

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

All knowing, merciful and loving God, help us to go out into the world and mirror your love in doing your work.  
Go in peace.

Choral Blessing

"A Closing Prayer"  
by Don Besig

Ringling of the Bell

Postlude

"Beautiful City" from *Godspell*  
Music and Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz



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.

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