



Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
June 30, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

The Bell is Rung

Prelude "America The Beautiful"
Music by Samuel A. Ward
Arranged by Stephen DeCesare
James Cesare, trumpet soloist

Please rise or remain seated, as you wish.

Call to Worship Psalm 130, selected verses, NRSV

L: Out of the depths I cry to you O God,

P: God, hear my voice!

L: If you, O God, should mark iniquities,

P: O God, who could stand?

L: But you forgive, so that you may be revered.

P: I wait for you, God; my soul waits, and in your word, I hope.

All: My soul waits for you, God, more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

Hymn "Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

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Just as I am, without one plea
but that your blood was shed for me,
And that you called inviting me,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, you will receive,
will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because your promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, your love unknown
has broken every barrier down,
Now to be yours, and yours alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

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

Unison Prayer

Together, we lift our hearts to you, O God. We come in gratitude for your overflowing grace and your boundless love that sustains us through every trial. Grant us the wisdom to recognize your grace in all its forms, big and small. May we be open vessels, ready to receive your blessings and share them generously with the world. We pray with ready hearts, energized with faith and thanksgiving. Amen.

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 Anthem "I Will Not Leave You Comfortless"
Words and Music by Everett Titcomb

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

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

(Paul speaks to the troubled church in Corinth)

Now as you excel in everything – in faith in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you – so we want you to excel in this generous undertaking.

“I do not say this as a command, but I am, by mentioning the eagerness of others, testing the genuineness of your love. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my opinion: it is beneficial for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something. Now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means.

For if the eagerness is here, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. For I do not mean that there should be relief for others and hardships for you, but it is a question of equality between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may also supply your need, in order that there may be equality.

As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

The Chancel Choir Anthem

“Seasons of Love” from *Rent*
Music and Lyrics by Jonathan Larson

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43 NRSV

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea.

Then one of the leaders of the synagogue, named Jairus, came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.

Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only

believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him.

Then he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl stood up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age).

At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this and told them to give her something to eat.

Message

"Abundance of Grace"

Hymn

"This Is My Song"

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This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine;
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

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

"Go Now In Peace"

Music by Don Besig

Lyrics by Don Besig and Nancy Price

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude

"Unexpressed"

Words and Music by John Bucchino



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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!
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The Chancel Choir and Sean Cameron, Music Director
James Cesare, trumpet soloist
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Peace. Shalom. Salaam. For the ways of peace are many.
"Namaste"