



Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
October 20, 2024

Welcome

The Bell is Rung

Prelude "Prelude for Organ, No. 73" by C.H. Rinck

Call to Worship

In a world that reflects the wonder of God's creation
we also see a world that causes us grave concern.
May this time of worship be a pause
in the steady stream of "news" and worry;
a time of prayer, reflection and inspiration.
uncovering the joy beneath the turbulence of our days. Amen

Hymn "Welcome to This House" SPP#7

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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 and join us in reading this morning's Unison Prayer

Unison Prayer "Serenity Prayer" by Reinhold Niebuhr

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
The courage to change the things I can,
And the wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
Taking, as He did, this sinful world
As it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make things right
If I surrender to His Will;
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life
And supremely happy with Him
Forever and ever in the next.
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

"The Water Is Wide" *Traditional*

Arranged by Gilbert M. Martin

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 "O Mighty God, When I Survey in Wonder" NCH #35

O mighty God, when I survey in wonder
the world that formed when once the word you said,
The strands of life all woven close together,
the whole creation at your table fed,
My soul cries out in songs of praise to you,
O mighty God! O mighty God!
My soul cries out in songs of praise to you,
O mighty God! O mighty God!

When your voice speaks in rolls of thunder pealing,
your lightning power bursts in bright surprise;
When cooling rain, your gentle love revealing,
reflects your promise, arcing through the skies,
My soul cries out in songs of praise to you,
O mighty God! O mighty God!
My soul cries out in songs of praise to you,
O mighty God! O mighty God!

The Bible tells the story of your blessing
so freely shed upon all human life;
Your constant mercy, every care addressing,
relieving burdened souls from sin and strife.
My soul cries out in songs of praise to you,
O mighty God! O mighty God!
My soul cries out in songs of praise to you,
O mighty God! O mighty God!

And when, at last, the clouds of doubt dispersing,
you will reveal what we but dimly see;
With trumpet call, our great rebirth announcing,
we shall rejoin you for eternity,
Then we will sing your praise forever more,
O mighty God! O mighty God!
Then we will sing your praise forevermore,
O mighty God! O mighty God!

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45 (TIB)

Zebedee's children James and John approached Jesus. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to grant our request."

"What is it?" Jesus asked.

They replied, "See to it that we sit next to you, one at your right and one at your left, when you come into your glory."

Jesus told them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup I will drink or be baptized in the same baptism as I?" "We can, they replied."

Jesus said in response, "From the cup I drink of, you will drink; the baptism I am immersed in, you will share. But as for sitting at my right or my left, that is not mine to give; it is for those to whom it has been reserved."

The other ten, on hearing this, became indignant at James and John.

Jesus called them together and said, "You know how among the Gentiles those who exercised authority are domineering and arrogant; those 'great ones' know how to make their own importance felt.

"But it can't be like that with you. Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the needs of all. The Promised One has come not to be served, but to serve – to give one life in ransom for the many."

The Chancel Choir

"Simple Gifts" *Traditional*

Arranged by Marie Pooler

Second Reading: Job 38:1-7, 34-41 (TIB)

YHWH answered Job from the heart of the storm:

“Who is this obscuring my plans with such ignorant words?

“Hitch up your belt like the fighter you are; Now I will ask the questions and you will answer me!

“Where were you when I created the earth?

If you know the answer, tell me!

Who decided the size? Do you know?

Who stretched the measuring line across it?

Into what foundation were its pillars sunk?

Who laid the cornerstone while all the choruses of morning stars
sang and the heavenly court shouted for joy?

“Can you boom out your voice at the clouds, and cause them to
rain on command? Can you send the lightning on its way?

Does it report to you, ‘Here we are’?

Who instills the ibis with its prophetic wisdom?

Where does the rooster pick up its intuition?

Who classifies the clouds and pour out the heavenly water jars
until the soil is muddy, and the dust has become solid?

Do you stalk the prey for the lioness?

Do you provide food for her cubs when they lie low in the den or
crouch in a culvert?

Who provides the raven its nourishment when the young cry out to
God; when they wander about without food?”

This is the holy word of God.

Message:

“Job the Faithful”

Rev. Rebecca West

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

God of the springtime, father of flower, field, and fruit,
Smile on us these earnest days when the work is heavy
And the toil wearisome;
Lift up our hearts, O God, to the things worthwhile –
Sunshine and night, the song of the birds,
Books and music, and the voices of our friends.
Lift up our hearts this day and grant us your peace.

~ W.E.B. DuBois

Choral Blessing

"A Closing Prayer"

Words and Music by Don Besig

Ringling of the Bell

Postlude

"Unforgettable"

Words and Music by Irving Gordon



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.

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