

# Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost October 27, 2024

Welcome

The Bell is Rung

Prelude "Prelude for Organ, No. 2" by C. H. Rick

## Unison Call to Worship

God of the morning and of the evening hours, Let your Spirit come on us here gathered. This is the holy place where we, your people, call on you in faith, Joining heart and voice in thanksgiving and praise to your name. Amen.

Hymn

"Spirit of Love"

New Century Hymnal #58

Spirit of love, you move within creation, drawing the threads to color and design: Life into life you knit our true salvation, come, work with us, and weave us into one.

Though we have frayed the fabric of your making, tearing away from all that you intend, Yet, to be whole, humanity is aching—come work with us and weave us into one.

Great loom of God, where history is woven, you are the frame that holds us to the truth, Christ is the theme, the pattern you have given—come work with us and weave us into one.

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

## Unison Prayer

Warm and caring God, who is mother and father to us all, look upon your planet Earth, divided. Help us to know that we are all your children, that all nations belong to one great family, and that all our ways of worship lead to you. Multiply our prayers in every land until the whole Earth becomes your congregation, united in your love. Sustain our vision of a peaceful future and give us strength to work unceasingly to make that vision real. We pray to you in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Assurance of God's Love and Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Rebecca West

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 Life I've Been Given"

Words and Music by Rachel Allen

Arranged by Tim Coles

## 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

"You Are Holy"

Sing Prayer and Praise #82

You are holy, you are whole.

You are always ever more than we ever understand.

You are always at hand. Blessed are you coming near.

Blessed are you coming here to the church in wine and bread, Raised from soil, raised from the dead.

You are holy. You are wholeness.

You are present, let the cosmos praise you, God! Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah our God First Reading, Psalm 116, chosen verses, TIB

I love you, YHWH, for you have heard my cry for mercy. You have listened to me; I will call on you all my days. The bands of Death encircled me, the messengers of Sheol ambushed me, I was overcome with trouble and sorrow. Then I called your name, YHWH, "Help, YWHW, save me!"

You protect those without guile; when I was brought low, you saved me.

Be at rest once again, my soul, for YHWH has been good to you. You have rescued my soul from Death; my eyes from Tears, and my feet from Banishment.

I walked before you, YHWH, in the land of the living. I believed even when I said, "I am completely crushed!"

YHWH, I am your faithful one – I am faithful to you alone, the child of your fidelity.

I will fulfil my vows to you in the presence of all your people, and in the midst of Jerusalem. Alleluia!

The Chancel Choir "I Love The Lord"

Music by Hank Beebe

Second Reading: Job 42:1-6, 10-17 TIB

Then Job answered God: I know that you can do all things: You have only to think something and it is done, "Who is this, obscuring my plans with such ignorant words?" you asked.

That was me. I've been spouting off about things I can't understand, about wonders beyond my experience and my knowledge.

"Listen now, and I will speak. I will ask the questions, and you will answer me!" you said.

Formerly I knew you only by word of mouth, but now I see you with my own eyes.

And so I now take back all that I said and repent in dust and ashes.

After Job had prayed for his friends, YHWH restored Job's prosperity, blessing him with twice as much as he had before. Then all his sisters and brothers and everyone who had known him before visited Job and sat down and dined with him. They sympathized with him and comforted Job for all the evil YHWH had heaped upon him. Each of them gave Job a piece of silver and a gold ring.

YHWH blessed Job's latter days with even more than his former life; he came to own 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 yoke of oxen, and 1,000 donkeys. He also went on to have three daughters and seven sons. He named the daughters Jemimah, Keziah, and Keren-happuch. These names mean dove, cinnamon, and cornucopia. In all the land, there were no women as esteemed as the daughters of Job. And Job gave his daughters and sons equal shares of his inheritance.

After this, Job lived to the age of 140 years, and he gave his children equal shares of their inheritance. And when Job died, he was old and full of days.

Message:

"Job, Part 2"

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 ~ from the UCC Book of Worship

And now to the one who is able to keep us from falling And lift us from the dark valley of despair To the bright mountain of hope, From the midnight of desperation To the daybreak of joy: To God be power and majesty, For ever and ever, Amen.

Choral Blessing "Go Now In Peace"

Words by Don Besig and Nancy Price Music by Don Besig

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude "Make Me A Channel of Your Peace (Prayer of St. Francis)" Words and Music by Sebastian Temple



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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!
Rev. Rebecca West, Guest Preacher
Sean Cameron, Music Director
Liturgist – Kim Thompsen
Ushers – Gini McLaughlin and Jerry Avolio, Kay Wolf and Tom Wolf

Hospitality – Stewardship Luncheon!

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