



Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 3, 2024

Welcome

The Bell is Rung

Prelude "Musique Royale" by Michel Richard Delalande
James Cesare, trumpet soloist

Unison Call to Worship

If the wind is right, you can sail away and find tranquility;
If the wind is right you can find the joy of innocence again;
Just dream...become caught up in the reverie;
every word a symphony; to the place
where you've always heard it could be...

Let the Spirit and her wind flow from here,
as we join in this morning's worship together.

Hymn "O Great Spirit" Sing! Prayer and Praise #91

O Great Spirit, earth, sun, sky and sea,
you are within and all around me.

O Great Spirit, dawn before the day,
stir us within to hear you as we pray.

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

Unison Prayer ~ From Ocean Prayer by Pamyua.

*A prayer that pays honor to the ocean
for sharing its gifts in the Inuit "soul music" tradition.*

Down in the ocean
the Creator gives us gifts,
So we can live with honor.

In the beginning of time
our ancestors were told to
live in harmony and like family,
So we can live with honor.

With gratitude for the ocean's resources
that we receive, help us to live
on this land which the Creator gifted to us,
So we can live with honor.

Remembrance of Loved Ones Who Passed in 2024

Ann Walker.....John Greene.....Sylvia Harenberg

Robert Pierce.....Fred Langstaff.....Martha Pierce.....Frank Cannizaro

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 "Many Gifts, One Spirit"
Words and Music by Allen Pote

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: Deuteronomy 1:1-9 TIB

Here, then, are the commands, statutes, and decrees which I will teach you. Obey them, so that you may enter into and occupy the land which YHWH, the God of your ancestors, gives to you. If you, and your children, and their children revere YHWH, your God, all the days of your life, and if you keep the laws and commandments which I lay before you, you will have a long life. Listen then, Israel, and observe carefully what will bring you prosperity and will increase your numbers greatly, as YHWH, the God of your ancestors, has promised, giving you a land that flows with milk and honey.

Hear, O Israel: YHWH, our God, YHWH is One!

You are to love YHWH, your God,
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength.

Let these words which I command you today
be written on your heart.

Teach them diligently to your children
and repeat them constantly---

when you are at home,
when you are walking down a road,
when you lie down at night
and when you wake up in the morning.

Tie them on your hand as a reminder;
wear them as a circlet on your forehead;
write them on the doorposts of your house
and on your gates.

Hymn

"For All the Saints"

NCH #299

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who to the world their steadfast faith confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

You were their rock, their refuge, and their might:
you, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
'mid gloom and doubt, you were their one true light.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Still may your people, faithful, true, and bold,
live as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and share with them a glorious crown of gold.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet in your love our faithful lives entwine.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
then hearts are brave again, and faith grows strong.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

One of the religious scholars who had listened to them debating and had observed how well Jesus had answered them, now came up and put a question to him: "Which is the foremost of all the commandments?"

Jesus replied, "This is the foremost: "Hear, O Israel, God, our God, is one. You must love the Most High God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbors as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

The scholar said to Jesus, "Well spoken, Teacher! What you have said is true: the Most High is one and there is no other. To love God with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbor as yourself – this is far more important than any burnt offering or sacrifice."

Jesus, seeing how wisely this scholar had spoken, said, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared question Jesus any more.

Message

"Obedience"

Rev. Rebecca West

Musical Praise

"Come As You Are To The Table"

Words and Music by Dana Mendel

Holy Communion

The Invitation

God calls us to forgive, to build peace, and to share loving fellowship.

Everyone may come to the table of reconciliation – which means all persons – all ages, cultures, sexual identities, abilities, religions, and diversities – those who affirm their elemental worth, and those who are yet to do so.

Let us hear these words of Holy Communion,
and then we will share the bread and juice.

The Purpose

Long ago, God sought to commune with us, and by choosing to live with us embodied as Jesus, God experienced all the desires and temptations that we face in our daily living as human beings. Jesus, then, first showed us how to restrain those human desires and temptations; and in calling his disciples and followers, he revealed how to spread his way of love and peace in our wide and wonderful community here on Earth.

Presenting the Elements

To remind us of the union of body and spirit, Jesus took a loaf of bread, gave thanks, broke it like we often break in our relationships with one another, and showed us the way to reconcile by asking us to share our bread with each other.

By sharing the broken bread, we participate in and become the body of Christ in the world.

In the same way, Jesus took the cup filled with the fruit of the vine, again gave thanks, and asked us to drink of the same spirit of lovingkindness and harmony that filled him.

By sharing the cup of blessing, we participate in and become the new life of Christ in the world. What we symbolize here in this holy space, we justify by our service when we go forth from this place.

Invitation

In the spirit of Christ, let us share our spiritual journey through the blessings of Holy Communion.

Partaking of the Bread and Juice

Today we will serve the bread and cup by intinction

Please come forward in the center aisles, break off piece of bread, dip it in the cup, eat, and return to your seats by the side aisles

A server will bring the bread and cup to those who choose to stay in their pews.

Communion Hymns

“Let Us Break Bread Together” NCH #330

Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
My God, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
My God, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
My God, have mercy on me.

As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy bind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, hear our prayer. We thank you for inviting us to
this table where we have known the presence of Christ
and have received all of Christ's gifts.

Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another,
and let us show forth your praise in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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. West

May the wonders of creation remind us
of our shared duty
to protect and cherish the earth.
As we leave this sacred space,
may we go forth
with hearts full of gratitude for the beauty of nature,
with hands ready to tend to its needs,
and with spirits committed to nurturing the world
as our common home. Amen.

Choral Blessing

"Communion Prayer"

Words and Music by Allen Poe

Ringling of the Bell

Postlude

"What If I Told You"

Words and Music by Gabriel Kahane



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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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James Cesare, Trumpet Soloist
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Peace. Shalom. Salaam. For the ways of peace are many.
"Namaste"