



Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ  
Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 19, 2025

Welcome

The Bell is Rung

Prelude "Chramer, gip die Varwe Mir" from *Carmina Burana*  
by Carl Orff

Responsive Call to Worship

"Canticle of Praise" by David Boswick  
(Modified)

*Please rise or remain seated if you wish and join us in response for this morning's Call to Worship.*

Blessed are you, O Christ, our God;  
**you were before time began, and came to the world to save us.**

Blessed are you, the One of righteousness;  
**you shine with God's love and illumine the whole universe.**

Blessed are you, son of Mary;  
**born a child you shared our humanity.**

Blessed are you, descendent of David;  
**born to rule, you received gifts from the wise ones.**

Blessed are you, the One of Humanity;  
**baptized by John, you saved us from ourselves.**

Eyes kindly smiling you've called my name.  
Blessed are you, heavenly Guide;  
**teaching and preaching, healing and comforting, you proclaimed the kingdom.**

With all the voices of heaven we celebrate the coming  
of this Jesus the Christ.  
**Let heaven and earth shout their praise.**

With all the creatures on earth we sing and dance at your birth.  
**Praise and glory to you. Amen.**

Hymn "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

NCH #7

All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing out your faith with cheerful voice;  
Delight in God whose praise you tell,  
whose presence calls you to rejoice.

Know that there is one God, indeed,  
who fashions us without our aid,  
Who claims us, gives us all we need,  
whose tender care will never fade.

Enter the sacred gates with praise,  
with joy approach the temple walls.  
Extol and bless our God always  
as people whom the Spirit calls.

Proclaim again that God is good,  
whose mercy is forever sure,  
Whose truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

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

Unison Prayer by Rev. Bruce Prewer (Modified)

Most wonderful God, flawed though we are, we too delight in your Beloved One. Today, in Jesus' name we gather in this house of many praises. May the heavens be opened for us, that we may catch a glimpse of that Light and Love that transforms our common days with a beauty not of our making. 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 "Comfort Ye, My People" by John Carter

## 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 – "The Lord's Prayer"

Creator God who is in heaven  
Hallowed\* be your name.  
Your kindom come, your will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kindom,  
the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

Hymn "Born from a Star" SPP #48

Sand on the shoreline, stars in the sky;  
Dust of the earth a numberless line:  
Abraham and Sarai set off in faith.  
Fol'wing God's promise of future grace.

Now let them gather, from nearer or far.  
God's holy children, dust of a star.  
Shine with great brightness, pure as the light.  
Join with each other, dance in the night.

Circle together, no need to fear.  
Singing God's praises, for all to hear.  
Reclaim God's power, be who you are.  
God's own creation, born from a star.

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 62:1-5 (TIB)

*For Zion's sake, I will not be silent;  
for the sake of Jerusalem, I will not rest –  
not until her integrity shines like the dawn,  
her deliverance like a flaming torch.  
The nations will see your vindication,  
and the rulers your splendor;  
you will have a new name  
that YHWH's mouth will bestow.  
You will be a garland of beauty in YHWH's hands,  
a solemn crown worn by your God.  
Never again will you be Forsaken.  
Never again will your land be called Desolate.  
But you will be called My Delight Is in Her  
and your land will be called Married.  
For YHWH will take delight in you  
and your land will be joined with God in wedlock.  
For just as a young couple marry,  
you will be forever married to this land;  
as a newly married couple rejoice over each other,  
so will YHWH rejoice over you.*

The Chancel Choir "The Life I've Been Given" by Rachel Allen

New Testament Reading: 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:1-11 (TIB)

Now dear sisters and brothers, I want to instruct you on the matter of spiritual gifts. Remember how, when you were still non-believers, you were drawn to mute idols and led astray by them?

It is for this reason that I want you to understand that no one can be speaking under the influence of the Holy Spirit and say, "Curse Jesus"; by the same token, no one can say, "Jesus Christ reigns supreme," unless under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts, but always the same Spirit. There is a variety of ministries, but we serve the same God. There is a variety of outcomes, but the same One is working in all of them. To each person is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

To one, the Spirit gives wisdom in discourse; to another, the word of knowledge through the same Spirit. Through the Spirit, one person receives faith; through the same Spirit, another is given the gift of healing; and to still another, miraculous powers. Prophecy is give to one; to another, power to distinguish one spirit from another. One receives the gift of tongues; another, that of interpreting tongues.

But it is one and the same Spirit who produces all the gifts and distributes them as she wills.

Message: "What Is Your Call? Yes, You Have One!" Rev. B. 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

Rev. Rebecca West

May the grace of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

May you embrace the diverse gifts bestowed upon you by the  
Spirit, recognizing that each one is given for the common good.

May you find joy in serving others, knowing that your contributions  
are essential to the body of Christ.

May you use your gifts with wisdom and love, seeking to build up  
and strengthen one another.

As you go forth, may the power of the Spirit guide you in all you  
do, and may the peace of Christ dwell richly in your hearts.  
Amen.

Choral Blessing      "A Closing Prayer" by Don Besig

Ringling of the Bell

Postlude      "Sinfonia" from *Jephtha* by George Frideric Handel



## Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ

For more than a century and a half, Sayville 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

James Higgins, Guest Music Director

Liturgist – Bill Houghtalen

Ushers – Gail Acker, Jean Newcombe, Marion MacGowan and Roberta Smith  
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Connie Kauffman, Kathy Leis and Hank Maust

Hospitality - Pizza Day!

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

“Namaste”