



Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
2nd Sunday in Lent
March 16, 2025



Welcome

Ring the Bell

Prelude Prelude for Organ, No. 32 by C.H. Rinck

Call to Worship: Jeremiah 31:13

God says, "I will transform your anguish into joy,
uncovering solace and even delight amidst your
heartache."

Hymn "Love and Justice" Sing! Prayer and Praise #13

Love and justice, peace and pow'r,
show us how to live each hour,
raise us up and set us free,
show us how to live and be.

Love and justice, peace and power,
challenge us to give each hour,
raise us up and set us free,
help us be all we can be.

Tell your neighbors, tell your friends,
here's a place hope never ends.
Love and justice, peace and power,
God is with us in this hour!
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Please be seated and join us in reading this morning's Unison Prayer

Unison Prayer: Dr. Marjorie Purnine
Dean of the New York School of Ministry
Happenings 3/10/25

Holy God,

As we seek to follow Jesus, what are we to do but ache
for your chicks, all of your chicks, so fragile, the
fluttering of the heart visible just beneath the skin,
foolish, and frightened.

Today and tomorrow, what are we to do, as Christ's
church, but to bring healing where we can and to
spread our small wings in acts of protection and
nurture

May it be so. 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 "God Be In My Head" by John Rutter

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 kingdom 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 kingdom,
the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

Hymn “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”
 New Century Hymnal #193 vss. 2, 3, 4, 5

When the woes of life o’ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me:
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
gathers 'round its head sublime.

First Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1 (TIB)

Join in following my example, my sisters and brothers. Take as your guide those who follow the example that we set. Unfortunately, many go about in a way which shows them to be enemies of the cross of Christ. I have often said this to you before; this time I say it with tears: their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and their glory is their shame. I'm talking about those whose minds are set on this world.

But we have our citizenship in heaven; it's from there that we eagerly await the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ, who will give a new form to this lowly body of ours, that it may be conformed to the body of his glory and remake it according to the pattern of the glorified body, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

For those reasons, my sisters and brothers – you whom I so love and long for, you who are my joy and my crown – continue, my dear ones, to stand firm in Christ Jesus.

The Chancel Choir "Gratitude" by James Ahrend

Gospel Reading Luke 13:31-35, (TIB)

Just then, some Pharisees came to Jesus and said, "You need to get out of town and fast. Herod is trying to kill you."

Jesus replied, "Go tell that fox, 'Today and tomorrow I'll be casting out devils and healing people, and on the third day I'll reach my goal.' Even with all that, I'll need to continue my journey today, tomorrow and the day after that, since no prophet can be allowed to die anywhere except in Jerusalem.

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem! You kill the prophets and stone those who are sent to you! How often I have wanted to gather your children as a mother bird collects her babies under her wings—yet you refuse me! So take note: your house will be left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, "Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God!" "

Message "We Bear Our Wounds" Rev. Becky 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. Becky West

Go now, trusting in God's promises.
Seek the presence of the Lord
and abandon yourself to prayer.
Follow those who are faithful to God,
stand firm against evil and seek healing for all.

And may God be your saving light and fortress;
May Christ Jesus gather you into the safe wings of mercy;
And may the Holy Spirit make you citizens of heaven.

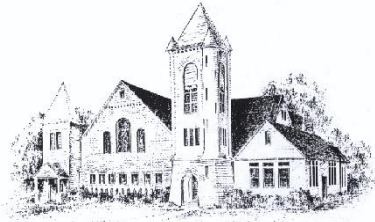
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

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Choral Blessing "Go Now In Peace" by Nancy Price and Don Besig

Ringling of the Bell

Postlude "Gratitude" by John Bucchino



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

"Namaste"