

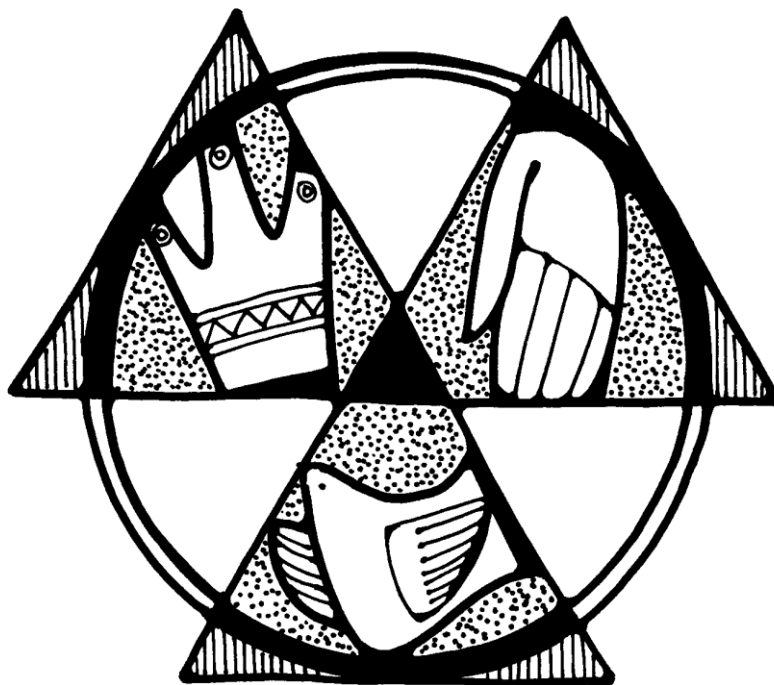
Welcome to the

Union Church of Bay Ridge

of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Eightieth Street and Ridge Boulevard

Trinity



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

TRINITY

GATHERING MUSIC

We use this time to make the transition between “getting here” and “being here”. Take these few minutes to find the still, deep places within you, where God’s Spirit dwells. Relax the body; quiet the mind. Be aware of being together in silence with others. Feel the spirit of the community.

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Six-winged seraphs were in attendance above him; one calling to another and saying:

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.

And I said:

Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a person of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said:

Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,

Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?

And I said,

Here am I; send me!

+HYMN IN PROCESSION no. 138

Holy! Holy! Holy!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy, Holy, Holy, Blessed Trinity, all creation is your glory. The whole world is your holy temple; your creatures receive breath from you and cannot hide from you. Source of all mystery and awe, fountain of redeeming grace and goodness, wash from us all fear that closes our eyes to your face in our neighbor’s, all complacency that closes our ears to your call to change. Make us secure in your unending love, so that we freely turn from the wrong, and toward the right, trusting in your goodness and the guidance of your Spirit, that we may live in love with all your children as we follow your holy child Jesus, to whom we are pledged, and in whose strong name we pray...

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

...Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

SUNG RESPONSE no. 576 *a Gloria ordinarily follows the Assurance. This one is from Taizé:*
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest...Alleluia, Alleluia.

✚THE PEACE OF CHRIST *please turn and share the Peace of Christ with your neighbors*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION no. 322 *Spirit of the Living God*
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; melt me, mold me, fill me, use me...

FIRST LESSON: **John 3:1-8,16-17**

ANTHEM *Veni, Creator Spiritus (Hymnal no. 125)* 9c. Plainsong, Mode VIII arr. H. Willan

SECOND LESSON: **Matthew 28:16-20**

SERMON **One for All and All for One** Rev. Speers

✚HYMN no. 525 *Here I Am, Lord*

OFFERTORY *We All Believe In One True God* (1668, from the Nicene Creed) *Hymnal* no. 137

✚DOXOLOGY no. 592 and **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

You call to us to follow you, O Christ, and to find new ways to convey our joy to people everywhere. We offer our selves and our substance to do your work in the world, asking that you follow our offerings with your blessing, and keep us always in the guidance of your Holy Spirit. AMEN.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE *God's offering to God's people*

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING with responses as in the *Hymnal* p. 13

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Hymnal* p. 16: "debts"

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

please come to the table and dip your bread in the cup

PRAYER OF RESOLUTION no. 597 *an Appalachian melody*

Bless the Lord, O my soul:

And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul:

And forget not all God's benefits.

Let us pray:

God our help: we thank you for this supper shared in the Spirit with your holy child Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who gives us life eternal. We praise you for giving us all good gifts in Christ, and pledge ourselves to serve you and the world you so love, even as in Christ you have served us. AMEN.

✚HYMN IN RECESSION no. 132 *Come, Great God of All the Ages*

✚CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

...and let the whole church say, **Alleluia! Amen.**

MUSIC FOR GOING FORTH *please keep silence for those who wish to worship or pray*

✚all who would like to may stand; unison prayers are in bold.

John 3:1-8,16-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ ³Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ ⁴Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ ⁵Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’

¹⁶ ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

You will always be welcome here. This is God's house and a happy church home. Let us be your church family, for we are all beloved children of God. Join us regularly for Christian worship, nurture, and the doing of God's work in the world—that you might have life, and that more abundantly.

Announcements

Visitors, welcome! Please join us after worship for refreshments and conversation, and please sign the guest book in the back of the Sanctuary so that we may get to know you better.

Many thanks to all worship leaders: Vince Peterson and the choir; Maryellen Van Royen (Communion 'bishop') who is this month's communion elder *and* provides today's refreshments; also to 'bishops' Kristin Miller (coffee hour) and Michele DiBartolo (Sunday school).

The Book of Remembrance is open to remember: today, 6/7—Laura Cramer; 6/14—Ruth Cranstoun; 6/21—Madeline Stutz; 6/28—Estelle McKay; 7/5—Alice Johnston; 7/12—Jennie Thompson; 7/19—Warren Dean; 7/26—David Alekel.

Prayer List requests should come to the church office by telephone **718.745.0438**.

We note with sadness the death of Ruby Moy's mother on May 4. Condolences may be sent to Ruby at 255 79th Street, Apt. D7, Brooklyn, NY 11209.

Continue to pray for peace; for all living in the midst of war, poverty, natural and economic disaster; for prisoners and all who watch and pray for them, especially the Church of Gethsemane. Continue to pray for/stay in touch with: Ruby Moy and her family, Arabella Meadows-Rogers, Art Samuel, Iris Norstrand, Emile Serposs, Milford Anderson, Nazik David, Amanda Silverman, Bill Louisa, Helen Kretiv; also Lynn, Geraldine, the family and friends of Jaye and Violet, the Vandermarcq family, Bob and Louise, Ed, Mark and Audrey, Helen, Wendy, Sally.

Session meets including six-month budget review Monday, June 22, at 7pm in the Parish House.

Upcoming Happenings and Opportunities

Wednesday midweek Bible Study, 11am at Redeemer-St John's Lutheran church, 939 83rd St.

Support group for parents of children with special needs first Mondays, 11-1: call Isabel Morales 800.405.8818 if you or a friend would be interested: **June 1** is the next meeting.

Yoga continues through most of June on Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:45-8:15 in the Sanctuary. Each class is \$15, pay as you go; wear comfortable clothes and bring a towel and a yoga mat if you have one. Summer schedule begins the last **Tuesday** of June, running **Tuesdays 6:45-8:15 in July and August** in the air-conditioned chapel of the Parish House.

Next Sunday, June 14: Strawberry Fields Picnic at 79th St and Shore Road: Jane Feazell, picnic "bishop". Bring a picnic dish and juice or soft drinks to serve 6 (8 if you have a big family), *bring your own folding chairs*, outdoor games if you have them. Ice, plates, cups, forks, spoons and knives provided. Strawberry-themed items, and anything red, including Union Church T-shirts, are particularly appropriate.

Sunday, June 21: Fathers' Day and Last Day in Sanctuary until Homecoming, September 13

Looking to the Future

Sunday, June 28: 10am Summer Worship in our newly renovated, air conditioned Parish House Chapel. Summer schedule runs through September 6 ("Labor Day Sunday"), then back to the Sanctuary for **Homecoming with Choir, Organ, and Communion at 11 am September 13**.

BRUCA adult clay classes will run ten weeks for the price of eight (2 free weeks to accommodate vacations); **Clay Camp**, and **Clay Play Extravaganza** for toddlers, are forming for the summer.

Wedding shower for Elizan Morales and Areliz Perez **July 12!** Watch your bulletin for details...