

Welcome to the

Union Church of Bay Ridge

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

Summer Worship in the Chapel

ALMIGHTY GOD

*Grant us
justice and
peace in
our land*



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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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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. Focus on breathing, feeling, being. Be receptive to your center—your reservoir of inner peace, strength, love. Be aware of being together in silence with others. Feel the spirit of the community.

+CALL TO WORSHIP

from **Psalm 149**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth:

Worship the LORD with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing:

Know that the LORD is good; we are God's people, the sheep of God's hand.

**For the LORD our God is good, the steadfast love of God endures forever,
The faithfulness of God to all generations.**

+HYMN no. 210 *blue hymnal*

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Great God, author of liberty and giver of life, you protect us in the shelter of your wings. You keep ever near us and share our joys and sorrows. Loving God, we ask forgiveness for all our fears and excuses, and all the times we have fallen short of the call of Jesus. In his name, we pray for pilgrims' feet—and pilgrims' faith. Show us the very next step you would have us take, we pray, for we trust in your patience and love, and we ask in the strong name of Jesus...

SILENT PRAYER

+RESPONSE no. 576: ***Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest...Alleluia!*** *From the new (blue) hymnal: once in unison, then twice more as a two-part round: total of 3 times.*

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

FIRST LESSON **Ezekiel 2:1-7**

MUSICAL OFFERING

Erol Gurol, guest pianist

SECOND LESSON Mark 6:1-13

SERMON

Rev. Dana Fenton

✦HYMN no. 457 *blue hymnal*

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

THE OFFERING

✦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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

blue Hymnal p. 16: "debts"

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

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

THANKSGIVING AFTER THE COMMUNION

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.

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 brings us life eternal. We praise you for giving us all 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 no. 564 *blue hymnal*

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION ...and let the whole church say, **Alleluia! Amen.**

SENDING-FORTH MUSIC

please keep silence out of kindness to those who wish to listen or pray. Some of us like to applaud in gratitude to God; please bear in mind that the musicians are also offering their music in gratitude to God. What's the best way to let church musicians know you appreciate them? Sit up front and sing out in all the hymns!

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

Ezekiel 2:1-7

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them. And you, O mortal, do not be afraid of them, and do not be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns surround you and you live among scorpions; do not be afraid of their words, and do not be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. You shall speak my words to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear; for they are a rebellious house.

Mark 6:1-6

Jesus left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching.

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: Dana Fenton and Erol Gurol; Maryellen Van Royen for serving as communion elder and preparing today's refreshments. Please sign up to make simple coffee hour (the tripod is to your right) The birthday, flower, and reader (lector) signup sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the hall for the summer...

Please welcome the Rev. Dana Fenton back to our pulpit. Dana teaches sociology at CUNY and is an old friend of Rev. Speers from Union Seminary. Her area of expertise is evangelicalism in modern culture. Ask her about her current research!

Erol Gurol will be our minister of music today while Vince Peterson stays with his mother after a knee replacement. Thanks Erol! Vince and Rev Speers will be back next Sunday, July 12.

The Book of Remembrance is open to remember: today, 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**.

Continue to pray for the restoration of creation; 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: Lynn Peterson (Vince's mom), Edmundo and Edith Quinones, 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 Geraldine, the family and friends of Jaye and Violet, the Vandermarcq family, Bob and Louise, Ed, Mark and Audrey, Helen, Wendy, Sally.

Upcoming Happenings and Opportunities

We are now in summer scheduling until the week after Labor Day. Special thanks to all who made this year such a good one, and to those of you who keep on truckin' even in the summer!

Thanks to Jennifer Segna for the **new, revitalized food collection box**, and for the great "gimmick" of monthly themes! **July: All American:** mac'n'cheese, baked beans, canned chili...

CHANGE in Yoga Summer schedule to **Wednesdays 6:45-8:15 in July and August** right here in the air-conditioned chapel of the Parish House.

Ecumenical Worship in Owl's Head Park July 26 with other Bay Ridge Protestant churches.

Looking to the Future

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.

Cyclones Bay Ridge Day, Wednesday, July 8: *not* our annual Sunday church outing, but another midweek opportunity we have learned about. Some of that night's proceeds will **help hunger programs in Bay Ridge**. There are **flyers on the side table**; or check out their website www.brooklyncyclones.com/tickets/promo. Sounds like a good thing to do!

Wedding shower for Elizan Morales and Areliz Perez **NEXT SUNDAY, 3pm July 12** at the Morales home, 6722 Ridge Boulevard. **Elizan and Areliz are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond.**

Brooklyn Cyclones Union Church outing August 9, call Evan and Joe Lynch, Cyclones 'bishops', 718.745.6594.