

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. 411 *green hymnal*

***O Beautiful, For Spacious Skies***

### 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: **Jeremiah 20:7-13**

### +HYMN no. 373 *old (green) hymnal*

***Once to Every Man and Nation***

**SECOND LESSON: Matthew 10:24-39**

**SERMON: A Sword of Light**

Rev. Speers

**+HYMN no. 403** *old (green) hymnal*

***O Brother Man***

### **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. 371** *old (green) Hymnal*

***Lead On, O King Eternal***

**+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.**

### **Announcements**

**Visitors, welcome!** Please join with us again in Sunday worship, and please sign the Union Church guest book (at the back) so that we may get to know you better.

**Many thanks** to our guest pianist, Brad Whiteley, and to the preparers of today's refreshments. Thanks every week to Kristin Miller (coffee hour bishop) and Mary Cusack (communion elders' bishop). Sign up for summer refreshments please!

**The Book of Remembrance** is open to remember dear departed members of Union Church: today, 7/6—Alice Johnston; 7/13—Jennie Thompson; 7/20—Warren Dean; 7/27—David Alekel.

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

**Continue to pray for our planet and for peace;** for all living in the midst of war, poverty, sickness, hunger, and natural and economic disaster, and for the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. We pray for all who are recovering from surgery, or are making difficult medical decisions. We pray for a cure for cancer. We pray for those known to us who have asked for our prayers: Rachel, Bill and Dolores Cleary; Milford Anderson, Bill Louisa, Iris Norstrand, Evelyn Riccio, Carolyn Ramsay, Emile Serposs, Nazik David, Barbara Briggs, Amanda Silverman, Helen Kretiv; for Arthur, Jaye, Bud, Luis, Suzanne, Eleanor, Marion and David, Jenny, Barbara, Arabella, Lance, Craig and family, Lorrie and family, Steve, Cathy, James, Nick, Sharon, Paul, Jon, Dan, Rick, and Kendra.

### **Looking to the Future**

**Don't forget upcoming Program and Mission and Session meetings!**

**Summer Day Camp June 30 through August 8, 9-4: Redeemer-St John's Lutheran Church, 939 83<sup>rd</sup> Street in Dyker Heights.** There are weekly and daily rates, and discounts available for extra siblings of weekly campers. Call **718.833.7700** forms and brochures on our back table.

**Midsummer worship in Owls Head Park: Sunday, July 20 at 10:30am.** Redeemer-St John's Lutheran Church will provide music; Rev. Harriet Wieber will preside; Rev. Speers will preach; Elizabeth Gorgas, a new member of our Union Church family, will dance. You bring folding chairs and a picnic lunch; ice and beverages provided. **This will be our worship for that day.**

**Cyclones game at Keyspan Park, Sunday, August 17 at 5 pm! Carl Erskine,** a former **Brooklyn Dodger,** will throw the first pitch after playing the National Anthem himself on the harmonica. Tickets are \$13 from Joe or Evan Lynch—call **718.745.6594**. **Wear your Union Church T-shirt!**

**10am Summer worship** in the air-conditioned Parish House Chapel continues through Sept 7.

**Choir Retreat August 30—September 1,** for choir members *and* inquirers, if you have any questions in July, ask Rev. Speers or email vincepeterson@gmail.com.

**Homecoming Sunday September 14, 2008 at 11am in the Sanctuary, with communion.**