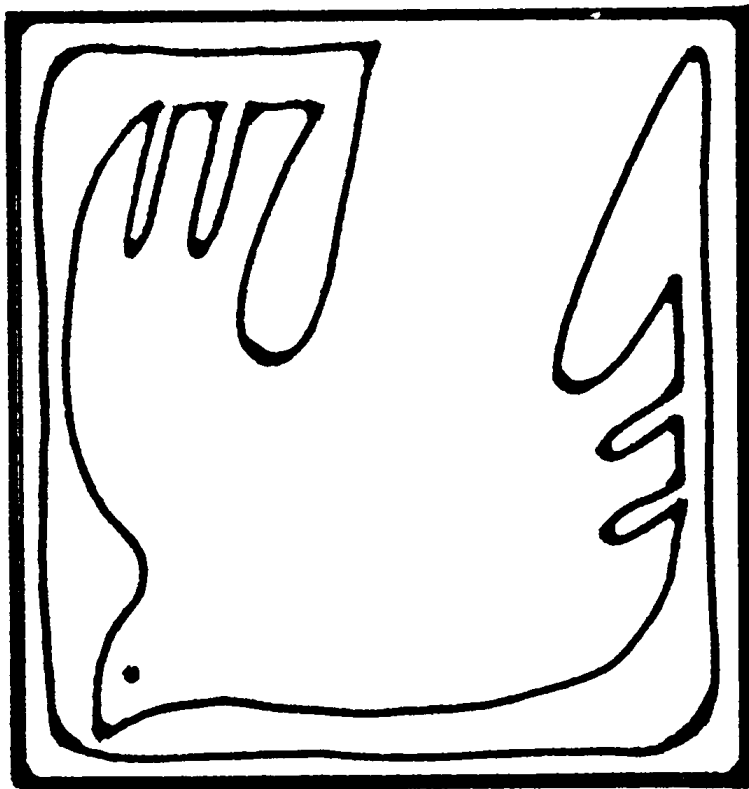


Welcome to the

# Union Church of Bay Ridge

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

## Summer Worship in the Chapel



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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

#### +CALL TO WORSHIP

*adapted from Psalm 24:1-5*

The earth is the LORD's, and the fullness thereof,  
**The world, and those that dwell therein.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in God's holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts:**

Those who do not lift up their lives to what is false,

**They will receive blessing from the LORD.**

#### +HYMN no. 487 *blue hymnal*

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Loving God, you believed in us before we were born.

You put us in families to learn how to get along with people.

You send us animals to teach us unconditional love.

Every day you give us your whole world to care for.

Help us to trust you in return.

Help us to pay attention when your Spirit speaks.

Help us to say what you want us to say, and do what you want us to do.

Teach us real freedom. Help us to learn how wonderful it feels  
when we are swimming with the current of your will.

May our hearts beat with your heart,

dance with your dance,

and sing with your song,

through the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord...

### SILENT PRAYER

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

#### +GLORY TO GOD *a new one, from the Iona Community:*

*Glory and gratitude and praise Now let earth to heaven raise.*

*Glory and gratitude and praise: These we offer to God.*

## ✚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: II Samuel 6:1-15**

✚HYMN no. 177 *blue hymnal, with attendant joyful noises*

*Psalm 24*

**SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:3-14**

**SERMON A Feather on the Breath of God**

Rev. Speers

✚HYMN no. 398 *blue hymnal*

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

### OFFERTORY

✚DOXOLOGY no. 592 and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**You call to us to follow you, O Christ, and to find new ways to live your love toward 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.**

**GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS and PASTORAL PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord...**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*blue hymnal p. 16: "debts"*

✚HYMN no. 302 *blue hymnal*

*I Danced in the Morning*

✚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, but this is not required; please bear in mind that the musicians are offering their music to God rather than performing for an audience. What's the best way to let church musicians know you appreciate them? "Sing out, Louise!"...in **all** the hymns!*

## II Samuel 6:1-15 NRSV

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**D**avid again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. <sup>2</sup>David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. <sup>3</sup>They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart <sup>4</sup>with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. <sup>5</sup>David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

<sup>6</sup>When they came to the threshing-floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen shook it. <sup>7</sup>The anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God struck him there because he reached out his hand to the ark; and he died there beside the ark of God. <sup>8</sup>David was angry because the LORD had burst forth with an outburst upon Uzzah; so that place is called Perez-uzzah to this day. <sup>9</sup>David was afraid of the LORD that day; he said, 'How can the ark of the LORD come into my care?' <sup>10</sup>So David was unwilling to take the ark of the LORD into his care in the city of David; instead David took it to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. <sup>11</sup>The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite for three months; and the LORD blessed Obed-edom and all his household.

<sup>12</sup>It was told King David, 'The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.' So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; <sup>13</sup>and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. <sup>14</sup>David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. <sup>15</sup>So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

## **Ephesians 1:3-14 NRSV**

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**B**lessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

### 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:** welcome back Vince, and thanks to Jill Stoler for today's refreshments. Please sign up to bring simple, light summer fare (it's too hot for coffee!) The birthday, flower, and reader (lector) signup sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the hall for the summer...and remember, it's not too soon to sign up for the fall!

**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...

**The Book of Remembrance** is open to remember: 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!

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

**Elizan and Areliz are getting married in the Sanctuary THIS COMING SATURDAY at 3pm.** And as the old invitations used to read, "the honour of your presence is requested!"

**Midsummer worship in Owls Head Park: Sunday, July 26 at 10:30am.** Redeemer-St John's Lutheran Church Praise Band will provide music; Rev. Craig Miller will preach; Rev. Speers will offer prayer; Gorgas, 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 9 at 5 pm!** Call Joe Lynch, 718.745.6594.

**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.

**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.

**Summer Day Camp at 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** for more information.

### Looking to the Future

**Homecoming is Sunday, September 13, back to the Sanctuary at 11am with choir, organ, and communion.** This is a great day to sign up for coffee hour!

**Taize evensong returns October 6**, and subsequent **first Tuesdays** again for the 2009-10 year.