

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 89:8,11,14

O LORD, God of Hosts,

Who is as mighty as you, O LORD? Your faithfulness surrounds you.

The heavens are yours, the earth is yours also;

The world and all that is in it—you have founded them.

Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne;

Steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD!

✚HYMN *from South Africa, in honor of Nelson Mandela's 90th Birthday* ***Come All You People***

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker (3 times)

Come now and worship the LORD.

Come all you people, come and praise your Saviour (3 times)

Come now and worship the LORD.

Come all you people, come and praise the Spirit (3 times)

Come now and worship the LORD.

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 the joy of your loving service.

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

...Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

✚**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 *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: **II Samuel 7:1-14a**

FREEDOM SONG *Vince will teach us all to sing this lovely song from South Africa, in honor of Nelson Mandela's 90th birthday yesterday*

SECOND LESSON: **Ephesians 3:14-21**

SERMON: **A Dwelling for God** Rev. Speers

✚**HYMN** no. 403 *green hymnal* ***O Brother Man***

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** (insert) ***Siyahamba/We Are Marching in the Light of God***

✚**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. What's the best way to let a church musician know you appreciate him? Sing out, Louise!*

Freedom Is Coming

(from South Africa)

Freedom is coming

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O yes I know

O yes I know

O yes I know

O yes I know

O yes I know

Justice is coming...

O yes I know...

Jesus is coming...

O yes I know...

Ephesians 2:11-22 NRSV

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" — a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands — ¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

II Samuel 7:1-14a NRSV

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders, whom I commanded to shepherd my people, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. ^{14a}I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

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: 7/19—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: Elizan and Areliz Morales as they begin their married life together, 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

NEXT Sunday, July 26, at 10:30am: Midsummer worship in Owls Head Park! Redeemer-St John's Lutheran Church Praise Band will provide music; Rev. Craig Miller will preach; Rev. Harriet Wieber will preside over Communion; 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.**

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!

Cyclones game at Keyspan Park, Sunday, August 9 at 5 pm! Call Joe Lynch, 718.745.6594.

Yoga Summer schedule: one class per week on 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 83rd 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

Would you like to try your hand at leading worship in August or Labor Day Sunday? Rev. Speers will be away August 7-September 7, and is organizing the preaching schedule. Vince Peterson will be here, so you will not be alone...Union Church family gets first dibs. Joe Lynch is taking August 9, so the available Sundays are August 16, 23, 30, and September 6.

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.