

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

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. 554 *blue hymnal*

Let All Things Now Living

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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

You put us in families to teach us 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

...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 *blue hymnal 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: Psalm 78:17-19,23-29

✚**HYMN** no. 510 *blue hymnal*

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

SECOND LESSON: John 6:24-35

SERMON: Bread of the Angels

Rev. Speers

✚**HYMN** no. 500 *blue hymnal*

Become to Us the Living Bread

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

God's Offering to God's People

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 no. 595 *blue hymnal*

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 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** no. 281 *blue hymnal*

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

✚**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

SENDING-FORTH MUSIC

Psalm 78:17-19,23-29 NRSV

The people sinned still more against God,
rebellling against the Most High in the desert.

¹⁸They tested God in their heart
by demanding the food they craved.

¹⁹They spoke against God, saying:
“Can God spread a table in the wilderness?”

²³ Yet God commanded the skies above,
and opened the doors of heaven;

²⁴ God rained down on them manna to eat,
and gave them the grain of heaven.

²⁵ Mortals ate of the bread of angels;
God sent them food in abundance.

²⁶ God caused the east wind to blow in the heavens,
and in great power God led out the south wind;

²⁷ God rained flesh upon them like dust,
winged birds like the sand of the seas;

²⁸ God let them fall within their camp,
all around their dwellings.

²⁹ And they ate and were well filled,
for God gave them what they craved.

John 6:24-35 NRSV

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸ Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰ So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ³² Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Announcements

Visitors, welcome! Please join us after worship for refreshments and conversation, and please sign the Union Church guest book (at the back) so that we may get to know you better.

Many thanks to all worship leaders: Vince Peterson, the preparers of today's refreshments; Maryellen Van Royen (Communion bishop) and Kristin Miller (coffee hour bishop). 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! **August is National Peach Month**, so guess what the theme is! **September is Back to School**, with peanut butter and jelly (plastic jars, please).

Guest preachers in August-September will be:

August 9—Elder Joseph Lynch

August 16—Rev. Dana Fenton

August 23—Elder Dr. Bruce McIntyre

August 27—Elder Carmelo DiBartolo

September 6—Rev. Dana Fenton

The Book of Remembrance is open to remember dear departed members of Union Church: today, 8/2—Rev. Dr. David Feazell; 8/9—Albert Mossawir; 8/16—Marion Newhouse; 8/23—Florence Firman; 8/30—Audrey McFarlane; 9/6—Ruth Hassan; 9/13—Percival Buerk; 9/20—Winifred and Gilbert Kretschman; 9/27—Ernest V. Skoldberg, Sr.

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, Edmundo and Edith Quinones, Ruby Moy and her family, Arabella Meadows-Rogers, Art Samuel, Iris Norstrand, Emile Serposs, Milford Anderson, 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, Sally.

This Week and Ongoing

Cyclones game at Keyspan Park next 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.

Looking to the Future

Tuesday evening cooperative Bible Study (with folks from Union Church and Salem Lutheran Church) will resume September 8 at 7pm in the Parish House Pastor's Study.

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!

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.

Playgroup begins the week of **September 21**, with **Open House** the week of **September 14**.

This year Jody is adding an afternoon session on Tuesdays! Call Jody in the office 718.745.0438

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