

Welcome to the

# Union Church of Bay Ridge

of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

Summer Worship in the Chapel

August 24, 2008



LORD·CREATE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD A  
COMMUNITY OF JUSTICE AND PEACE WHERE  
YOUR WILL MAY BE DONE. AMEN

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The Reverend Mary Barrett Speers, Pastor ♦ Vince Peterson, Minister of Music  
Ed Huml, BRUCA Program Director ♦ Jody Levine, Playgroup Director and Administrator

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

**Psalm 105:1-2**

O give thanks to the LORD, call on the name of the LORD,

**Make known the deeds of God among the peoples.**

Sing to God, sing praises to God:

**Tell of all God's wonderful works!**

### ✠HYMN no. 325 *green hymnal*

***Be Thou My Vision***

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION *(please be seated)*

**God who gives life to all creation, we praise you for all the ways we know your love in your amazing world. We thank you for health and happiness and all your blessings in our lives. Help us, O God, so to meet you today that we may go out knowing you better, loving you more, and serving you more faithfully. Here in these days of eternal life, we ask that we may see our lives as they are, and also as you would have them be. Give us true sorrow for our faults, and then give us the faith, strength, and joy to be what you mean us to be, through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord, in whose strong name we pray...**

### SILENT PRAYER

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

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

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**SUNG RESPONSE** *the chorus only of blue hymnal no. 341... from **Blessed Assurance***

***This is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the day long...***

### ✠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**      **Matthew 16:13-20**

✘ **PSALM HYMN** no. 236 *blue hymnal*

*Now Israel May Say* [Psalm 124]

**SECOND LESSON**      **Romans 12:1-8**

**SERMON**      **Service with a Smile**

Elder Bruce MacIntyre

✘ **HYMN** no. 525 *blue hymnal*

*Here I Am, Lord*

## THE OFFERING

✘ **DOXOLOGY** no. 592 and **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**You call to us to follow you, O Christ, and to find new ways to bring good news 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.**

## 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

*Hymnal p. 16: "debts"*

✘ **HYMN** no. 415 *blue hymnal*

*Come, Labor On*

✘ **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; the musicians offer their music to the glory of God.*

✘ please rise if you are able; **unison prayers and responses 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 all who serve today: Bruce MacIntyre (preaching), Vince Peterson (music), Mary Cusack (communion elders' 'bishop'), Kristin Miller-Lynch (coffee hour 'bishop'), Isabel Morales (Sunday School 'bishop').

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

**Continue to pray** for/stay in touch with: Dolores Cleary and her family, Art Samuel, Emile Serpos, Iris Norstrand, Milford Anderson, Nazik David, Barbara Briggs, Amanda Silverman, Bill Louisa, Helen Kretiv; the Boynton family. Please call the office to add names to the prayer list.

**Session Members** please check your mailboxes in the Sanctuary meeting area every Sunday.

### Looking to the Future

**Choir retreat next weekend: see Vince Peterson after church today.**

**Program and Mission second Monday in September: September 7 at 6:30 pm.**

**Sunday School Room Cleanup and Painting:** Saturday morning, September 14. See Michele DiBartolo.

**Homecoming Sunday September 14, 2008 at 11am** in the Sanctuary, with communion, organ and choir, and liturgical dance. Homecoming is the day we "come home" to the Sanctuary and 11 am worship.

**Sunday School Curriculum Workshop Saturday September 20** especially for everyone who wants to be available as a fill-in; also all "regulars" to share experiences and ideas.

**Sunday School Rally Day Sunday, September 21 at 10:30am in the Sanctuary.**

**Session meeting Monday, September 22** at 7pm in the Parish House.

**Presbytery of New York City meets here at Union Church on Saturday, September 27,** marking the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination of **Peggy Howland**, first woman ordained by Brooklyn-Nassau Presbytery, right here at Union Church with **George Bonnell** in 1958! Isabel Morales and Michele DiBartolo are 'bishops' and **Jo Tolley** will be coming for the event.

#### **The Session of Union Church**

*Class of 2008*  
Mary Cusack  
Warren Gatto

*Class of 2009*  
Mary Chamberlain  
Joseph Lynch

*Class of 2010*  
Michele Hern DiBartolo (Clerk)  
Isabel Morales

*Moderator*  
Mary Speers (Pastor)

#### **The Administration Committee**

Mary Chamberlain, VP and Treasurer  
Warren Gatto  
Joseph Lynch, President  
Property Advisor: Victor Morales  
Ex officio: Marek Kurek

#### **The Program and Mission Committee**

Mary Cusack  
Michele Hern DiBartolo (acting chair)  
Jane Feazell  
Kristin Miller Lynch  
Isabel Morales  
Lynn Penney  
Ex officio: Ed Huml, Jody Levine, Vince Peterson

