

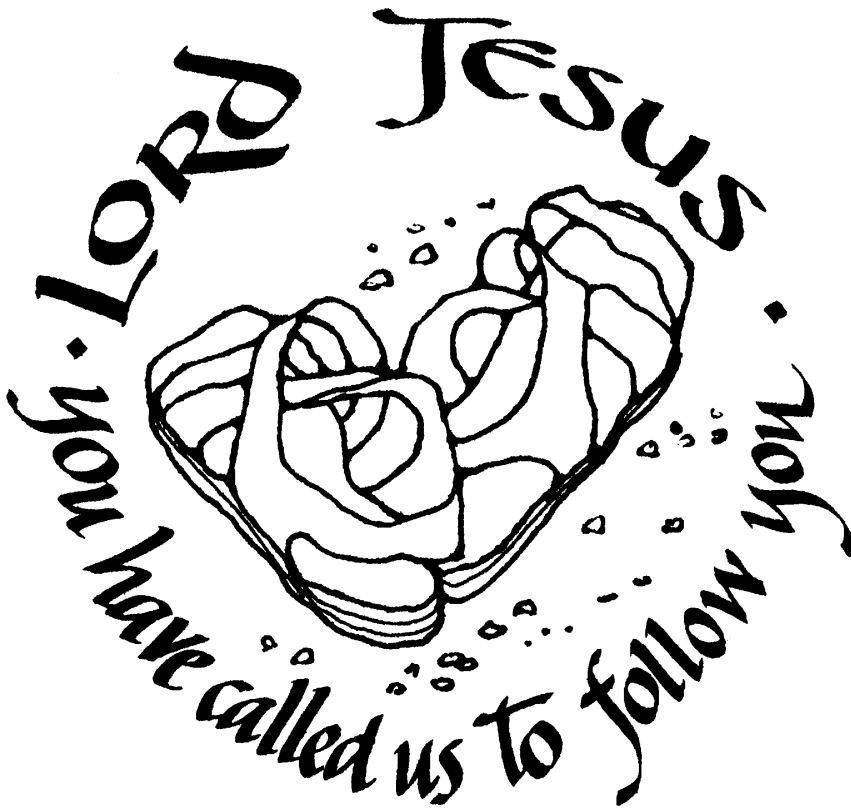
Welcome to the

Union Church of Bay Ridge

of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

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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 with 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 FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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, your breath, 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

adapted from Psalm 77:11-13

I will call to mind your deeds, O LORD;

I will remember your wonders of old.

I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds,

Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God?

✠HYMN no. 84

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of the journey, illumine our way. Strengthen us when our steps falter out of fear—fear of what has been, or of what might be. Comfort us when trusted companions or familiar ways part from us. Forgive us when we cling to what will not be again, or to what should never have been. Mend the torn places in our lives and spirits, that we might find wholeness in you. Bless our lives, not with what we want, but with what we need. Give us gratitude for what we receive, and generosity in passing your gifts on to others, that we may live in fellowship with all your children as we follow Jesus, to whom we are pledged and 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 *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 exchange 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 Kings 2:1-15,23-25

PSALM HYMN no. 165

When in the Night I Meditate

SECOND LESSON Luke 9:51-62

SERMON God's Protection

Rev. Mary Speers

✠**HYMN** (*insert*)

Jesus Loves Me!

THE OFFERING

Through the **Pentecost Offering**, the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. nurtures the faith of young people. It helps us call forth a new generation of leadership in mission service through the Young Adult Volunteer program. Using a portion of the receipts, congregations can make a difference in the lives of children at risk in their own communities. Visit www.pcusa.org to learn more; use the pew envelopes for this second-mile mission offering.

✠**DOXOLOGY** no. 593 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. Creator God, 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.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts:

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

It is right to give God thanks and praise...

THE LORD'S PRAYER "debts"

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✠**HYMN** (*insert*)

We Limit Not the Truth of God ("the More Light hymn")

✠**CHARGE AND BLESSING** ...and let the whole church say, **Alleluia! Amen.**

CLOSING MUSIC: *please keep silence out of kindness to those who wish to pray or listen. Some of us may feel the impulse to applaud, but please remember that the artists are praying; they are offering their gifts to the glory of God.*

✠*all may stand; Unison prayers are in bold.*

**Today's flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Madeline Stutz, by Andrea Zarou**

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 leaders: Vince Peterson, the preparers of today's refreshments; Maryellen Van Royen (Communion 'bishop'), Jennifer Segna (Sunday School 'bishop') and Liz LoPorto (coffee hour 'bishop').

The Book of Remembrance is open to remember dear departed members of Union Church: today, 6/27—Madeline Stutz; 7/4—Laura Cramer; 7/11—Alice Johnston; 7/18—Jenni Thompson; 7/25—David Alekel.

Continue to pray for our planet and for peace; for all living in the midst of war, poverty, natural and economic disaster; for prisoners, those recently released from prison, and all who work and pray with them, especially the Church of Gethsemane. Also we pray for: the family and friends of Amanda Silverman; the Segna family on the death of Jennifer's grandmother, Norma; Lorrie Green, Charlie Scheffold, Tyler DiBartolo, Eddie Norstrand, the Presbytery of New York City, Carolyn Ramsay, Art Samuel, Iris Norstrand, Emile Serposs, Milford Anderson, Bill Louisa, Dolores Cleary, Helen Kretiv; Jackson, Donna, Janet, Geraldine, Mary, Jane, Helen, Sally.

Prayer requests should come to the church office by telephone **718.745.0438** or email **ucoffice@earthlink.net**. Please also notify the office to remove a name from the prayer list.

Church office hours: 9am to 2pm Mon-Wed, 9am to 4pm Thursday. 9-12 M-W and 9-2 Thursdays, Jody is in the Sanctuary with the playgroup; if you need to speak with her in person during those hours, please call her cell 917.881.0799; otherwise leave a message on the office machine and she will call you back after she gets back from playgroup.

Pastor's office hours: 11am to 3pm Mon-Wed and of course at other times by appointment. Rev. Speers is often in the office on those days throughout the afternoon and evening. Thursday is sermon day. There are unavoidable shifts in this schedule from time to time for visitation and various meetings, and she would love to see you, so please call first before dropping by.

Upcoming and Ongoing Programs and Events

Summer Worship remains at 10am in the Parish House Chapel through Labor Day Sunday.

Next Sunday and Sunday, June 11: welcome **Candidate David DeLauro** to our pulpit. David is "certified ready to receive a call," and will join Vince Peterson in leading worship while Rev. Speers is at the General Assembly of the PCUSA.

Sunday, June 11 at 3pm: Bethel (Ghanaian) Presbyterian Church Opening Celebration in the former Fort Hamilton Presbyterian Church building on 94th Street off Fourth Avenue (behind the BMW dealership). This will be joyful, festive, with wonderful music and Ghanaian traditional dress and food. Please make sure Union Church is well represented in welcoming our new PCUSA neighbor!

Yoga continues 6:45-8:15pm in the Parish House Chapel. No experience necessary for this gentle, restorative class; bring mat and/or towel and wear loose clothing. \$15/week: no need to subscribe, just pay as you go.

Taizé evensong is in recess until the fall. Please see the pastor if you have special prayer concerns over the summer.

Watch www.ucbr.org over the summer for events and updates on fun, fellowship, and plans for the fall!