

Bay Ridge, NY.                      **Union Church**  
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY                      11:00 A.M.  
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 11, 2010  
✠ Please stand, if able

### THE GATHERING

The Prelude

Opening Prayer (leader)

Eternal God, source of everlasting light, send forth your truth into our hearts, and bring us into your presence with joy and gladness. Amen.

Call to Worship (Psalms 43 & 5)

Leader: Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead us and bring us to your holy hill and to your dwelling;

**People: that we may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness.**

Leader: For it is through the abundance of your steadfast love that we will enter your house and bow down in your holy temple in awe of you. Lead us, O God, in your righteousness.

**All: Lead us, O God, and make the path straight before us so that we may worship you.**

✠ Morning Hymn                      #482. "Praise Ye the Lord"                      LOBE DEN HERREN

✠ Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, it is not always easy for us to welcome people. Much separates us from each other - riches and poverty, language and race, religion and lifestyle, history and culture. In the cross of Jesus, you have shown the depth of your sacrificial love for all who receive the gift of faith. But in our willfulness, we often forget to show the face of your love. Forgive us. We pray in the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

✠ Words of Assurance

Leader: The love of Christ is overflowing and without measure. Forgiveness is assured. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

### SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading                      Amos 7:7-17                      Page OT

Anthem

Epistle Reading                      Colossians 1:1-14                      Page NT

Gospel Reading                      Luke 10:25-37                      Page NT

The Sermon                      "The Still Small Voice"                      David DeLauro

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

✠ Hymn                      #426. "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" (vss. 1-5)                      CANONBURY

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)                      HYMNAL PG. 16

Offertory

✠ Doxology                      DOXOLOGY

✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

**Your love for us is so profound that you spend everything to aid us in coming to know you. Your coming in Jesus, your ministry in him, your sacrifice, your death in him are testimony for us to your amazing love. You do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. You do not ask that we earn your love. You love us first and simply provide opportunity for us to express our response to you. Hear our grateful prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### THE SENDING

✠ Sending Hymn                      #272. "God of the Sparrow"                      ROEDER

✠ The Benediction

The Postlude

## 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.

**Today, July 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.

**Many thanks** to all leaders: David De Lauro, 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, 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 Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., the family and friends of Amanda Silverman; the Segna family on the death of Jennifer’s grandmother; 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

**Today at 3pm: Bethel (Ghanaian) Presbyterian Church Opening Celebration** in the former Fort Hamilton Presbyterian Church building on 94<sup>th</sup> 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!

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

**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](http://www.ucbr.org) over the summer for events and updates** on fun, fellowship, and plans for the fall!

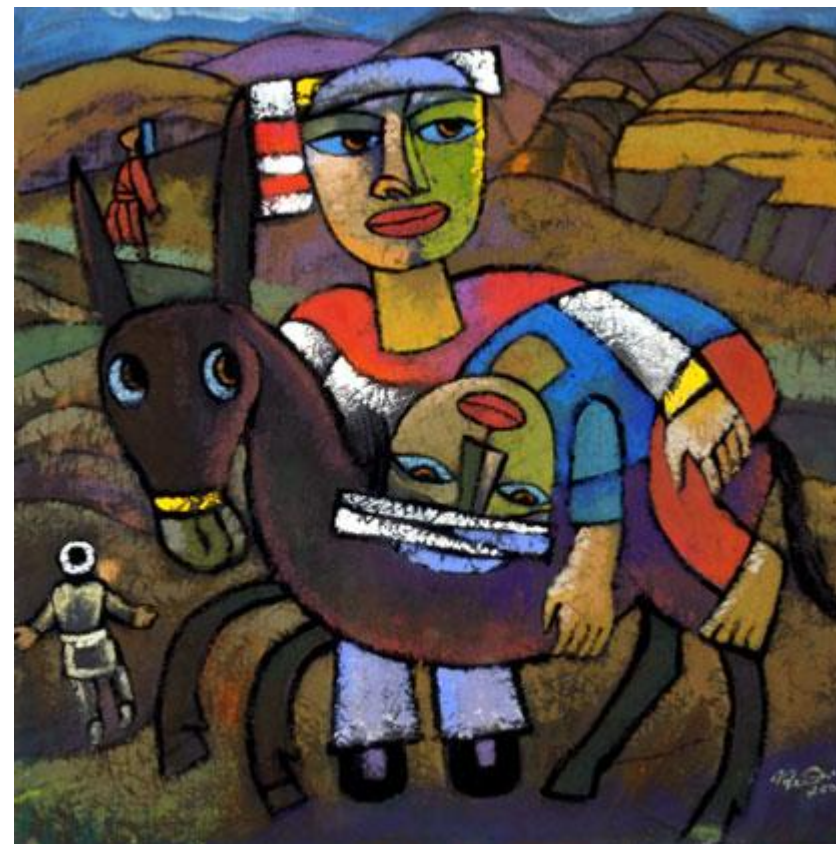
Welcome to the

# Union Church of Bay Ridge

of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

Summer Worship in the Chapel, 8101 Ridge Boulevard [www.ucbr.org](http://www.ucbr.org)

July 11, 2010



He Qi Good Samaritan

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