

Welcome to the

# Union Church of Bay Ridge

of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

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*One thing  
is  
needful*



LUKE 10:42

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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** **SEVENTH 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**

*from Psalm 25*

Make me to know your ways, O LORD: teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.**

Who are they that stand in awe of the LORD?

**God will teach them the way that they should choose.**

### **✠HYMN** no. 69 *green hymnal*

*The Spacious Firmament on High*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Great are you, O LORD, and greatly to be praised! We marvel at your wisdom and grace as we come together this day. When we do our work, you are there. When we are still, you are there. Everywhere we go, your loving heart goes with us and knows our thoughts and our actions. In trust that we are known and loved, we ask your forgiveness, and then your guidance in making wrongs right, in our lives and in your world. Help us to work like Martha and listen like Mary, for we seek to follow Jesus, to whom we are pledged and in whose strong name we pray...**

### **SILENT PRAYER**

### **✠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.***

### **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

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

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

### **✠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:** Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

☒ **HYMN** no. 302 *green hymnal*

*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

**SECOND LESSON:** Luke 10:38-42

**SERMON:** The Biggest Helping

Rev. Speers

## THE OFFERING

☒ **DOXOLOGY** no. 593 and **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Almighty God, we lean on your everlasting arms, and everything we have comes from you. Whatever we do we owe to your Spirit, the life you have placed within us. Follow then these gifts with your blessing, and accept our hearts and our lives as offerings returned to you, in Jesus' name. 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...**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Hymnal p. 16: "debts"*

☒ **HYMN** no. 237 *green hymnal*

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

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

## SENDING-FORTH MUSIC

☒ all who would like to may stand; **unison prayers are in bold.**

## 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 Roven (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, 7/18—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: 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.**

**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!