

Welcome to the

# Union Church of Bay Ridge

of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

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Set your minds  
on things that are  
above.

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The Reverend Mary Barrett Speers, Pastor + Vince Peterson, Minister of Music  
Ed Huml, BRUCA Program Director + Jennifer Kruger, Administrator and Playgroup Director

*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**

### **NINTH 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**

**Psalm 40:4,3a**

Happy are those who make the LORD their trust,

**Who do not turn to pride, or go astray to false gods.**

O LORD our God, you multiply your wondrous deeds and thoughts toward us:

**You put a new song in our mouth, a song of praise to you, our God!**

#### **✠HYMN** no. 487

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Holy God, the whole creation proclaims your majesty. The universe is your holy temple; your creatures receive life from you; none can live apart from you. Source of all power and might, source of redeeming grace and goodness, remove from us all fear that closes our eyes to the face of Christ in our neighbor, all complacency that closes our ears to your call to change. Make us secure in your unconditional love, so that we freely turn from the wrong, and toward the right, trusting in your good will and the guidance of your Spirit, 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 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: Psalm 49**

✠**HYMN no. 175** *green hymnal*

***Strong Son of God, Immortal Love***

**SECOND LESSON: Luke 12:13-21**

**SERMON: What *Can You Take With You?***

Rev. Speers

**OFFERTORY** *Justin Randolph, baritone*

✠**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.**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

*God's offering to God's People*

✠**HYMN no. 515** *blue hymnal*

***Now To Your Table Spread***

**THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*Hymnal p. 13*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*debts*)

*Hymnal p. 16*

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *"On the night when he was arrested, our Lord took bread..."*

✠**THE COMMUNION** *please come to the table and dip your bread in the cup*

✠**THANKSGIVING AFTER THE COMMUNION** *sung and spoken, Hymnal no. 597*

*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. 376** *blue hymnal*

***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling***

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

**SENDING-FORTH MUSIC**

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

**Today's flowers were given to the glory of God in loving memory of the Rev. Dr. David Fezell, by Jane Fezell**

**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: Justin Randolph, Vince Peterson, Maryellen Van Royen for today's refreshments; (Jennifer Segna (Sunday School 'bishop') and Liz LoPorto (coffee hour 'bishop').

**Thanks to Jane Fezell for volunteering to be communion 'bishop' and thanks to Maryellen Van Royen for serving in this capacity until this month!**

**The Book of Remembrance** is open to remember dear departed members of Union Church:

today, 8/1—Rev. Dr. David Fezell; 8/8—Marion Newhouse; 8/15—Florence Finman; 8/22—Albert Mossawir; 8/29—Audrey MacFarlane; 9/5—Ruth Hassan; 9/12—Percival Buerk; 9/19—Winifred Kretschmann; 9/26—Ernest V. Skoldberg, Sr.

**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 Rev. John Gump, Lorrie Green, 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.

**Welcome Jennifer Kruger to the Union Church office!** Jennifer has extensive office experience and has been Jody's senior assistant in the Union Church playgroup for several years. Jennifer will have the same schedule as Jody did, with playgroup in the morning and office hours after noon until 2. Please call or stop by to introduce yourself.

**For those of you who missed the opportunity to say good-bye to Jody,** her new address is  
Jody Levine  
1908 Harbourside Drive #403  
Longboat Key FL 34229

**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**

**Brown-Bag Picnic with Bay Ridge United Church Monday evening, August 23:** enjoy the "Head over Heals" band concert at the Little League ballfield, in Shore Road Park at 82<sup>nd</sup> Street. Bring your own picnic supper, chairs, blankets, and if you like, you can buy hamburgers, hot dogs, and sodas at the ballfield.

**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.**