

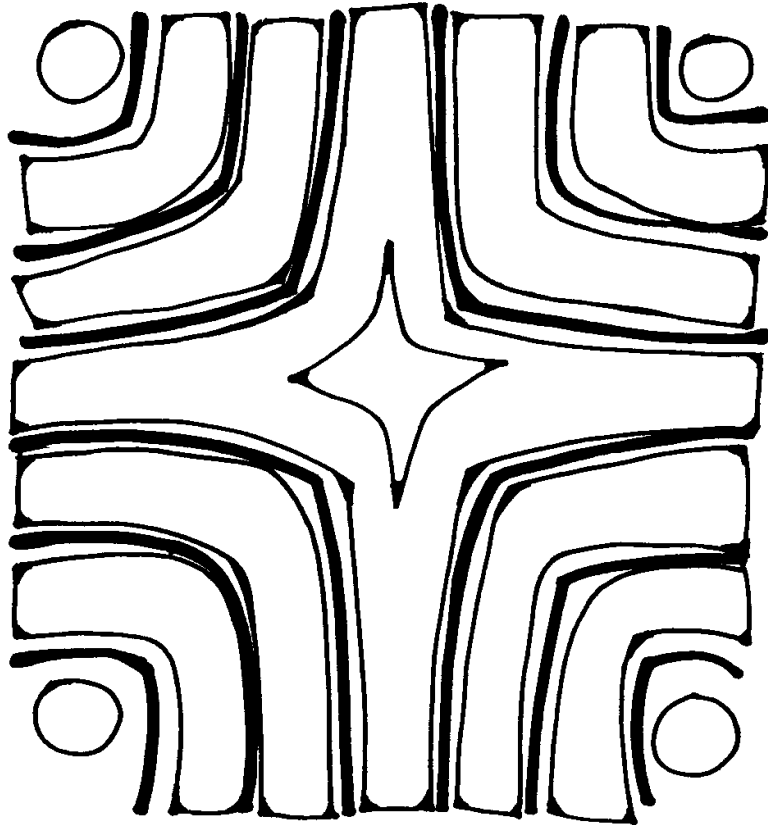
Welcome to the

Union Church of Bay Ridge

of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

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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

TWELFTH 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 85:8,6-7

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,

For God will speak peace to the people:

To the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

✠HYMN no. 170 *blue hymnal*

The Lord's My Shepherd

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, you are constantly in prayer with us. Your whole creation calls out to us, and the hum of your prayers is there below all the events and all the lives that touch our own. Forgive us for our failure to listen. We ask that you tune our wills to your will, that we may vibrate with your abundant life, ringing like bells with perfect harmonics, all of us together in the glorious melody of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, whose spirit gives us power 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: Jeremiah 1:4-10

☒ **HYMN** no. 382 *blue hymnal*

Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:3-12

SERMON: Any Excuses?

Rev. Speers

☒ **HYMN** no. 525 *blue hymnal*

Here I Am, Lord

THE OFFERING

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

Almighty God, 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, that your kingdom come, for we pray in the strong name of Jesus. 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. 280 *blue hymnal*

Amazing Grace

☒ **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.**

Tomorrow, Aug 23 at 7PM - Come join your friends from Bay Ridge United Church and Union Church of Bay Ridge for an evening of cool breezes and cool music being held at the Little League Ballpark on Shore Road and 82nd Street. The band performing will be Head over Heals. The concert is free. Bring a blanket, a chair, your family and friends and any food or drinks you will need for the evening—or if you prefer, you can buy food right there at the ballpark. In the event of poor weather, call the Concert Hotline 718-236-7547 after 5PM to find out if the concert is being cancelled. (Note: this concert is rescheduled from an earlier rain cancellation and does not appear on the Marty Golden Concerts website. So don't be alarmed if you actually go to the website and don't find this date listed!)

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Albert Mossawir, by his family: Morag, John, Alex, and Jack

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, Morag Mossawir for today's refreshments; Jennifer Segna (Sunday School 'bishop') and Liz LoPorto (coffee hour 'bishop'). **Thanks to Jane Fezell for taking over as Communion 'bishop', and to Maryellen Van Royen for her faithful service in this capacity until this month.**

The Book of Remembrance is open to remember dear departed members: today, 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; the family and friends of Whitney Smith, 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 tomorrow evening, August 23: enjoy the "Head over Heals" band concert at the Little League ballfield, in Shore Road Park at 82nd 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: 10am in the Parish House Chapel through Labor Day Sunday.

Homecoming (back to 11am in Sanctuary with organ and choir) Sunday, Sept 12.

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.