

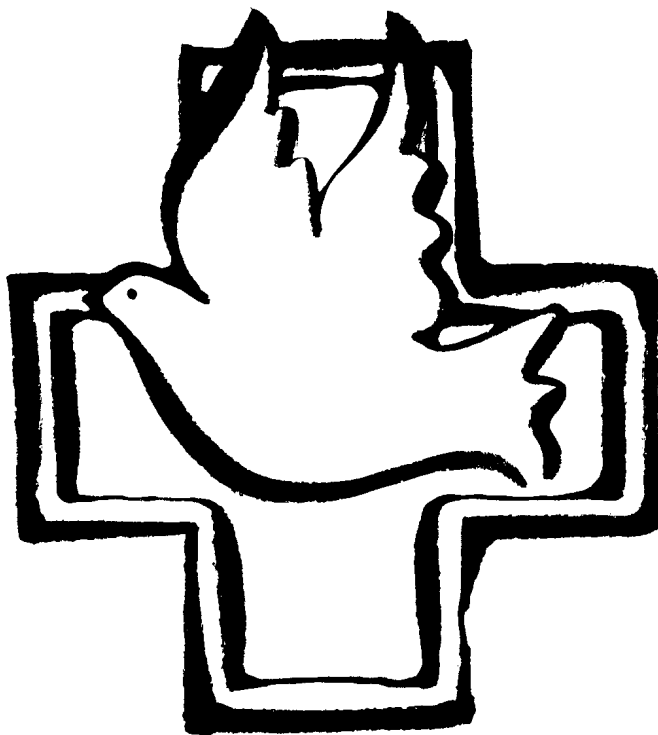
Welcome to your spirit's home...

# Union Church of Bay Ridge

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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 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 OF WORSHIP

### 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 dwells. Relax the body; quiet the mind. Focus on breathing, feeling, being. Be receptive to your center—your reservoir of inner peace, strength, love.*

**Today, Vince Peterson will teach us more of our new service music!**

### ✠CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from **Psalm 66:16,20**

Come and hear, all you who fear God,

**Let us tell what God has done for us!**

Blessed be God, who has not rejected our prayers,

**Blessed be God, whose steadfast love for us endures to all generations.**

### ✠HYMN no. 555

*Now Thank We All Our God*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY *(please be seated)*

**Eternal God, creator of the world and giver of all good, we thank you for this our home; for the earth, home to all your children; and for the gift of life. We confess our choices of fear over faith, success over service. We confess our focus on self and family, and our failure to notice or respond to the needs of strangers. Keep us mindful of your Spirit in everyone, and show us how to serve others as we would serve Jesus himself. In your great mercy, draw us back near to you, forgiving us, loving us, removing all fear and shame, and freeing us to be all you created us to be, through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, 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.**

**RESPONSE no. 576: *Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest...Alleluia!***

### ✠THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*please send forth the Church School with the Peace of Christ.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** *composed for Union Church by Vince Peterson*  
*Speak, O Lord, and we will hear you: let your will be done indeed.*  
*May we undisturbed draw near you, with your Word your people feed.*  
*Here, of life the fountain flows: here is balm for all our woes.*

**FIRST LESSON:** Psalm 66:1-12

**PSALM-ANTHEM**

**SECOND LESSON:** Luke 17:11-19

**SERMON:** Gratitude and Praise Rev. Alexander

☒ **HYMN** no. 556 *The World Abounds with God's Free Grace*

**OFFERTORY**

☒ **DOXOLOGY** *(a new one for Union Church: please rise!)* and **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**  
You call to us to follow you, O Christ, and spread our joy to people everywhere. 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...**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Hymnal p. 16: "debts"*

☒ **HYMN** no. 343 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

☒ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

...and let the whole church say, **Alleluia! Amen.**

**CLOSING MUSIC** *please keep silence out of kindness to those who wish to listen or pray. Some of us like to applaud but this is not required; the musicians offer their music to the glory of God.*

☒ please rise in body or in spirit; **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.

**Please welcome the Rev. Elizabeth Alexander back to our pulpit!** Liz recently retired from the Church of Gethsemane, and has spoken here at Union Church before. She is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary, served the Riverside Church, and is an old friend of Rev. Speers.

**Many thanks** to all leaders: Vince Peterson and the choir, Liz LoPorto and the preparers of today's refreshments; Jane Feazell (communion 'bishop'), Jennifer Segna (Sunday School 'bishop'), and Liz LoPorto (coffee hour 'bishop').

**Continue to pray for our planet and for peace;** for all living in the midst of war, poverty, natural and economic disaster, especially the homeless of Pakistan; for prisoners, those recently released from prison, and all who work and pray with them, especially the Church of Gethsemane. Also we pray for: Eddie Norstrand, the Presbytery of New York City, Carolyn Ramsay, Art Samuel, Iris Norstrand, Emile Serposs, Milford Anderson, Bill Louisa, Dolores Cleary, Helen Kretiv; Jessica; David and Marion and their family; the family and friends of Jim Taylor, and of Whitney Smith; Norman, Diane, Jackson, Donna, Janet, Gerry, Mary, Jane, Helen, Sally.

**The Book of Remembrance** is open to remember dear departed members of the Union Church family: Today, 10/3—Nancy Gatto; 10/10—Bernice Reid; 10/17—Thomas J. Ferretti; 10/24—May Crawford; 10/31—Dorothy May and Frances Freeman; 11/7—William Reppke; 11/14—Rev. William Gray Tolley; 11/21—Ernest Skoldberg, Jr.; 11/28—Beatrice Goddard.

**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 1:30. She will also be in on Friday mornings. Please call or stop by to introduce yourself.

**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**

**Adult Bible Study meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays** at 7pm in the Parish House pastor's study.

Next Taize Evensong Wednesday, November 3 at 7pm in the Sanctuary

**Marathon of Prayer and Praise, Sunday, Nov 7, with ecumenical communion at 11:30**, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The day starts with breakfast at 8:30. Vince Peterson is in charge of music for the service, and the Young Apostles Caribbean Steel Band will be rocking as usual. This is a wonderful and joyful way to "take our worship TO the Marathon" and welcome runners of all abilities from all over the world to Brooklyn, City of Churches. **THIS IS OUR UNION CHURCH WORSHIP FOR NOV 7. THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE IN OUR SANCTUARY.**