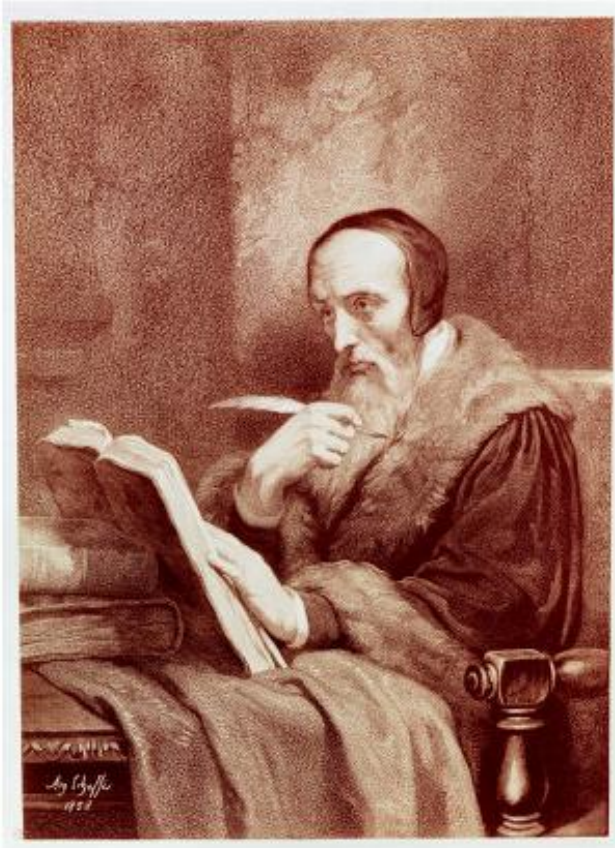


Welcome to your spirit's home...

# 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. Be aware of being together in silence with others. Feel the spirit of the community.*

### ✠CALL TO WORSHIP: SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

**Matthew 22:37-40**

*in Reformed churches, this "benchmark" always opened worship:*

Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.

**And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.**

### ✠HYMN no. 457 by John Calvin

***I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art***

*An elder bearing the Word, rather than clergy bearing a cross, is an old Reformed tradition.*

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

**Merciful and loving God, we give you thanks this Reformation Day for the Scriptures, through which, by the Spirit, we hear you speaking to us down through the ages. We thank you especially for words that speak to us clearly, for like the Apostle Peter, we find so much hard to understand. But even when we do understand your words, we still fall short of putting them into practice. We have not loved you with all our heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not loved one another as Jesus loved us; we have not given ourselves in love and service for the world as he gave himself for us. Faithful God, forgive us. Send your Spirit among us, that we may have power to live as you have called us to live, through 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!***

## PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Kora Lynch, Aidan Van Royan, Madeline Vuignier, Diamond Jewels

✘HYMN (*insert*)

*Jesus Loves Me! (the Bible Tells Me So)*

✘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:       **Habbakuk 2:1-4**

Maryellen Van Royen

PSALM ANTHEM *Peoples, Clap Your Hands!* **Psalm 47** Hymnal no. **194** Genevan Psalter 1551

SECOND LESSON:   **Luke 18:15-17**

SERMON:           **The Large Print Edition**

Rev. Speers

OFFERTORY        *Thy Word*

Amy Grant

✘DOXOLOGY no. **592** and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God, you are working in history, through each of us and all of us. With all that we have, and all that we are, we seek to be faithful. Accept our efforts, amend our errors, and guide our ambitions, that we may be laborers in your vineyard and servants of your Kingdom, for Jesus' sake. 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. **260** from Psalm 46, by Martin Luther

***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

✘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.

**Many thanks** to all leaders: Vince Peterson and the choir, Maryellen Van Royen, the Morales family for 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 LGBTQ teenagers and all who are "different," and for those who bully them; 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 Morales/Torres family, the family and friends of Helen Kretiv, Eddie Norstrand, the Presbytery of New York City, Carolyn Ramsay, Art Samuel, Iris Norstrand, Emile Serposs, Milford Anderson, Bill Louisa, Dolores Cleary; Jessica; David and Marion and their family; the family and friends of Jim Taylor, and of Whitney Smith; Norman, Diane, Jackson, Donna, Janet, Mary, Jane, Helen, Sally.

**We note with sadness the death of Helen Kretiv**, who died October 16 after a long illness. Condolences to: Carol and Steve Danzig, 3407 Circle Avenue, Reading, PA 19606.

**The Book of Remembrance** is open to remember dear departed members of the Union Church family: Today, 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.

**Union Church office hours: 12-1:30 M-Th and 9-11 Fridays.** Jennifer is in playgroup 9-12 M-Th

**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

**Marathon of Prayer and Praise, Next 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—AND DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCK BACK THE NIGHT BEFORE—SEE YOU THERE!**

**"What Union Church means to me"** sentences and short testimonials are welcome! Please give them to the pastor or Bruce MacIntyre, or email them to **ucoffice@earthlink.net**.

**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 this Wednesday, November 3** at 7pm in the Sanctuary

**Only six weeks from today! Sing-It-Yourself *Messiah* Sunday, December 12 at 4pm;** \$15 and \$12 (seniors, students): (If each of us took four tickets and got 3 friends to come, we'd be all set for December 12!) Leave a note in the church office box, or call Jennifer in the office for tickets!  
**718.745.0438**