

Welcome to your spirit's home...

Union Church of Bay Ridge

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Christ the King

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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 CHRIST THE KING

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

Psalm 24:1,7

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors!

That the King of glory may come in.

Who is this king of glory?

The LORD of hosts, who is the King of Glory. Let us worship God!

✠HYMN no. 151

Crown Him with Many Crowns

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(please be seated)*

Creator of the World, you fill us with the warmth and light of your love, and breathe into us the breath of life. You make us for one another, and trust us with your creation. Help us now, your wayward children, to unburden our hearts. Help us to admit our part, individually and collectively. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not forgiven one another as we have been forgiven. We have not been faithful stewards of all you have entrusted to us. Faithful God, do not let us rest in the comfort that you forgive us. Send your Spirit among us, to correct as well as to comfort, that we may live here and now in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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.

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

✠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 46

PSALM ANTHEM

SECOND LESSON: Luke 23:33-43

SERMON: Christ the King Rev. Speers

✘**HYMN** no. 360 *Hope of the World*

OFFERTORY

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

Loving God, from whom we have come and unto whom we are set to return, all that we have belongs to you. With all that you have placed in our care, we seek to be faithful. Accept our efforts, amend our errors, and guide our ambitions, that we may be 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. 157 *Jesús Es Mi Rey Soberano/Our King and Our Sovereign*

✘**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.**

The mosaic on the first page is in the ceiling of the apse, above the high altar, of the Cathedral of Cefalù, Sicily

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 choir, Maryellen Van Royen for today's refreshments, Jane Fezell (communion 'bishop'), Jennifer Segna (Sunday School 'bishop'), and Liz LoPorto (coffee hour 'bishop').

Today is the second Sunday of the stewardship season at Union Church. This is the time of year in which we remember that in giving, we restore to God the things that came from God. You will soon be receiving your pledge card in the mail. Please keep your pledge in prayer for the next four weeks, and bring your pledge card to the Communion Table on **Gifts Sunday, December 12, 2010.**

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, Iris Norstrand, Emile Serposs, Milford Anderson, Bill Louisa, Dolores Cleary; Jessica; David and Marion and their family; Norman, Diane, Jackson, Donna, Janet, Jane, Helen, Sally.

The Book of Remembrance is open to remember dear departed members of the Union Church family: Today, 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. Sometimes this schedule changes 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

"What Union Church means to me" reminder: Please email yours to **ucoffice@earthlink.net**.

Adult Bible Study has a change of day and venue: We are trying out joining with Redeemer-St John's Adult Bible Study, on 83rd St between 7th and 10th Aves in Dyker Heights, Tuesday evenings 6:30-8pm. The group is studying the book of Exodus. See Rev Speers for details.

Next Taize Evensong Wednesday, December 1 at 7pm in the Sanctuary

Advent happenings:

Sunday, November 28: First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 4, 9:30-1pm: Sprucing up the Sanctuary for the season

Sunday, December 5: Second Sunday of Advent and Advent Communion

Sunday, December 12: Gifts Sunday 11am and Sing-It-Yourself *Messiah* 4pm (see below)

Saturday, December 18: Bay Ridge Prep *Nutcracker*, 1pm at Fort Hamilton!

Sunday, December 19: Fourth Sunday in Advent 11am; Vince's Choral Chameleon holiday concert in the city 5pm (ask Vince)

Only four 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 mailbox, or call Jennifer in the office for tickets! **718.745.0438**