

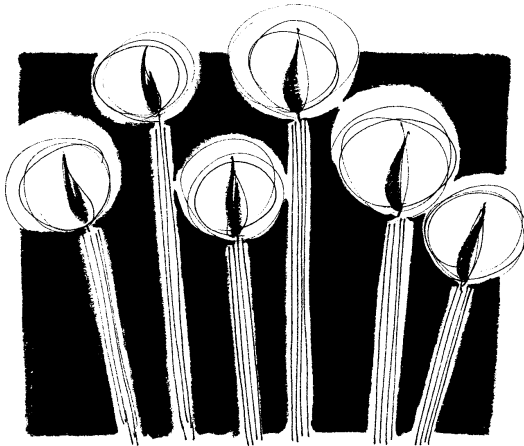
Welcome to the

Union Church of Bay Ridge

of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Eightieth Street and Ridge Boulevard

V1 Epiphany



*You are
the light
of the world*

February 6, 2011

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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 with us regularly for Christian worship, nurture, and the doing of God's work in the world—
that you may 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

adapted from **Matthew 5:13-16**

You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world.

A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

No one after lighting a lamp puts it under a basket,
but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before everyone, so that they may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven.

★HYMN no. 327

O Word of God Incarnate

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*an African schoolgirl's prayer
from The Oxford Book of Prayer*

O great Chief, light a candle in my heart, that I may see what is therein, and sweep the rubbish from your dwelling place...

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

...Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

★RESPONSE

(traditional African-American)

Glory glory, hallelujah, since I laid my burden down...

★THE PEACE OF CHRIST

please turn and share the Peace of Christ with your neighbors

GREETING & 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 **Isaiah 58:1-14**

ANTHEM *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* Traditional African-American Spiritual

SECOND LESSON **I Corinthians 2:1-5**

SERMON **Looking Good on Wood** Rev. Speers

★**HYMN** (*insert*) ***You Are Salt for the Earth, O People***

OFFERTORY *You Are the Light of the World* from *Godspell*

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

O God who gives us life, in Christ you gave your life for us. With all that we have, and all that we are, we offer our lives to you. Accept our endeavors, amend our errors, and guide our ambitions, that we may indeed let our light shine with your love, for we pray in the strong name of Jesus. AMEN.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER *God's offering to God's people*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING and INTERCESSION *new Hymnal p. 13*

*"...who forever sing your praise:" **Holy, Holy, Holy...** (Vince's new music)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER "*debts*" *new Hymnal p. 16*

★**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP** *Please come to the table and dip the bread in the cup*

PRAYER OF RESOLUTION *call-and-response, Hymnal no. 597* *an Appalachian melody*

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. 369 ***I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me***

★**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

MUSIC FOR GOING FORTH

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.

Looking for a *positive* spiritual practice? Consider singing with the choir, Sundays at 9:30am!

Many thanks to all leaders: Vince Peterson and the choir, the preparers of today's refreshments, Jennifer Segna (Sunday School 'bishop'), Jane Feazell (Communion '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 and the people of Haiti; for LGBTQ teenagers and those who bully them; for LGBTQ servicemen and women and all in the armed forces in this time of transition; for prisoners, those recently released from prison, and all who work and pray with them, especially Rev. Diane Lacey and the Church of Gethsemane. Also we pray for: the Miller/Morgan family, Bay Ridge Prep, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, the people of Arizona, the Morales/Torres family, Eddie Norstrand, the Presbytery of New York City and Tony de la Rosa, Carolyn Ramsay, Iris Norstrand, Emile Serposs, Milford Anderson, Bill Louisa, Dolores Cleary; Tim, Molly, Jessica, David and Marion and their family, and all families with loved ones in hospice; Norman, Diane, Jackson, Donna, Janet, Jane, Helen, Sally.

We note with sadness the death on January 3 of Stuart Miller, son of the Rev. Craig Miller and his wife, Nancy Morgan. Condolences may be sent to 426 80th St, Brooklyn, NY 11209.

The Book of Remembrance is open to remember dear departed members of the Union Church family: Today, 2/6—Susan Ulliyette; 2/13—Viola Ferretti; 2/20—Alice Seely; 2/27—Severin Norstrand; 3/6—Malcolm Tannahill; 3/13—June Aram; 3/20—Janet Louisa; 3/27—Helene Ogourek.

Union Church office hours: 12-1:30 M-W and 9-11 Fri. 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

Adult Bible Study with Bay Ridge United and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church at

Redeemer-St John's Lutheran Church, 83rd St between 7th and 10th Aves in Dyker Heights, Tuesday evenings supper 6-7, study 7-8pm. The group is in recess for the month of February. See Rev. Speers if you would like to participate.

Saturday, February 26: Elder training at Brick Church, 92nd and Park, 9am-3:30pm

Sunday, February 27: Baptism of Grace Segna

Stated Session Meeting Feb 28 at 7pm in the Parish House

Taizé Evensong next meets Wednesday, March 2 at 7pm in the Sanctuary

Sunday, March 6, Annual Congregational Meeting with Election of Elders

The first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday, which, this year, is **March 9** (always counted back 40 days, not including Sundays, from Easter, which is almost as late as it can possibly be this year)

Lenten Concert 4pm Sunday, April 3, including *Missa Criolla* of Argentinian composer Ariel Ramirez, with music of five centuries from the Spanish diaspora.

Mark your calendars: Easter is April 24.

Holy week begins with Palm/Passion Sunday on April 17.