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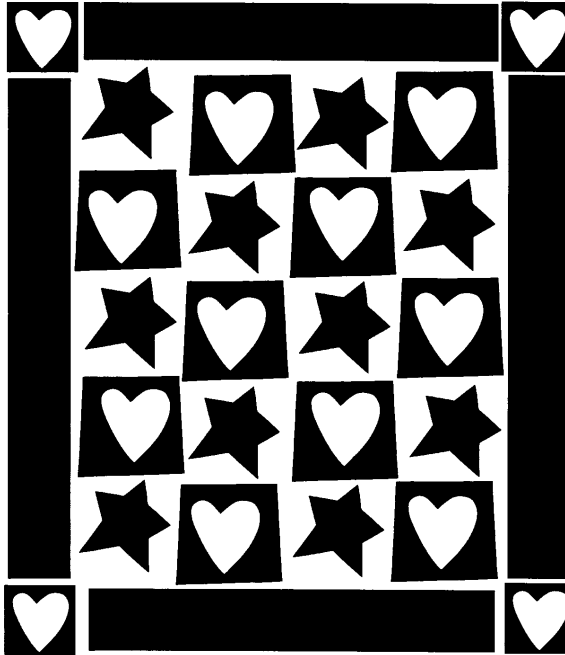
Union Church of Bay Ridge

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

Eightieth Street and Ridge Boulevard

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YOU SHALL LOVE
YOUR NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF

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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 VIII EPIPHANY

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 119:40-41

O LORD, we have longed for your precepts:
In your righteousness give us life!
Let your steadfast love come to us, O LORD,
Your salvation according to your promise!

★HYMN no. 382

Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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 Christ's Body may be your holy Temple, 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

please turn and share the Peace of Christ with your neighbors

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, Maryellen Van Royen for 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; Leida Luz and her donor's family, Tim, Molly, Jessica, David and Marion, Guthrie, 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, 2/20—Susan Ulliyette; 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

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

Sunday, February 27: Baptism of Grace Segna

Joint Session Meeting (outgoing and incoming elders together) Feb 28 at 7pm in the Parish House

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 resumes March 1. See Rev. Speers for details.

Taizé Evensong Wednesday, March 2 at 7pm in the Sanctuary (first Wednesdays).

Annual Congregational Meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, March 6 after worship.

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is March 9: our annual shared worship will be at Bay Ridge United Church, Bay Ridge Avenue (75th Street) between 6th and 7th Avenues, at 7:30pm.

The first Sunday in Lent is March 13.

Lenten Concert Sunday, April 3 at 4pm 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.