

# BAYSIDE VISION

The Official Newsletter of The Bayside United Methodist Church

February 2025



## WORSHIP

Sunday Morning Worship English	10:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship Korean	11:30 AM
Sunday School	11:30 AM
Sunday Youth Group Bible Study	11:30 AM
Sunday Youth Group	1:30 PM
Modern Multicultural Worship	1:30 PM
Early Morning Worship English	6:30AM (Via Zoom, Tues-Fri)
Early Morning Worship Korean	6:00 AM (Tues, Fri)
Friday Prayer Meeting Korean	8:00PM
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# February Newsletter

Written by: Rev. Dr. Yongbo Lee, Senior Pastor



**"You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt." (Exodus 22:21)**

Dear Bayside United Methodist Church Family,

As we step into February, my heart is drawn to reflect on the issue of immigration—a topic that resonates deeply with the biblical call to justice, compassion, and love. The words of Exodus remind us of a profound truth: ‘You too were strangers.’ This is not merely a reflection of Israel’s past; it is a divine mandate shaping the lives of all who follow God.

The story of Israel in Egypt teaches us that through suffering, God’s people learned His call to care for the foreigner and the vulnerable. Today, those ancient words echo with urgency. As a nation, we find ourselves embroiled in debates on immigration—debates too often clouded by division and fear. Yet as Christians, we are called to rise above the noise and respond with the heart of Christ.

While laws and accountability are necessary, let us not lose sight of the immigrants among us who work tirelessly, pay taxes, obey the law, and enrich our communities. Among them are DACA recipients, known as Dreamers—approximately 509,000 as of September 2024—who have grown up in this country, contributing to its fabric with hopes and dreams no different from our own.

According to the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, undocumented immigrants contribute an estimated \$11.7 billion annually in state and local taxes. These numbers are more than statistics; they tell the story of resilience, sacrifice, and hope.

Scripture is unequivocal: Do not oppress or mistreat the foreigner. As followers of Christ, we must treat all people—regardless of status—with justice, dignity, and love. We, too, are recipients of God’s grace, standing on this land not by our own merit but by His blessings.

This February, I invite Bayside United Methodist Church as a church family to take these steps together

## 1. Pray with Compassion and Purpose

Let us commit to praying for our leaders, including President Trump and his administration, that they might govern with wisdom, mercy, and compassion. Pray also for immigrants seeking peace and dignity in this land, that they may find justice and hope.

## 2. Open Our Hearts in Hospitality

The story of America is the story of immigrants—each one adding to the rich tapestry of our nation. Let us, as the body of Christ, open our doors and hearts to welcome the stranger, just as God has welcomed us.

## 3. Be a Church of Advocacy and Healing

May we live out the Gospel by advocating for justice and compassion and standing with the least among us.

Let us be a church that leads with love and compassion, showing the world what it means to live in the light of Christ. Together, may we build bridges, offer hope, and honor God by loving our neighbors as ourselves.

In the Grace of Christ, who brings hope to all,  
Rev. Dr. YongBo Lee

# 1월 뉴스레터

## 이용보 담임목사



### **“너는 이방 나그네를 압제하지 말며 그들을 학대하지 말라. 너희도 애굽 땅에서 나그네였음이라” (출애굽기 22:21)**

사랑하는 베이사이드연합감리교회 가족 여러분,

2월을 맞이하며 제 마음은 이민 문제에 대해 성경의 말씀으로 깊이 묵상하게 됩니다. 이 주제는 성경이 가르치는 정의, 자비, 긍휼과 사랑과 소명과 깊이 연결되어 있습니다. 출애굽기의 말씀은 우리에게 중요한 진리를 상기시킵니다. "너희도 애굽 땅에서 나그네였다." 이 말은 단순히 이스라엘의 과거를 떠올리게 하는 말씀이 아니라, 하나님을 따르는 모든 이들의 삶을 형성하는 거룩한 울림입니다.

이스라엘 백성의 애굽 생활 이야기는 고통 속에서 하나님의 백성이 외국인과 연약한 자를 돌보라는 하나님의 부르심을 배웠다는 것을 보여줍니다. 오늘날 이 성경의 말씀이 중요하게 들려옵니다. 우리가 사는 이 미국은 이민 문제를 둘러싼 논쟁에 휩싸여 있으며, 이 논쟁은 종종 분열과 두려움으로 흐려져 있습니다. 그러나 그리스도인으로서 우리는 이러한 혼란에 대해서 그리스도의 마음으로 응답해야 합니다.

모든 것에 법과 책임이 필요합니다. 그러나 우리 주변의 이민자들을 잊지 말아야 합니다. 대다수의 이민자들은 열심히 일하고, 세금을 내며, 법을 준수하고, 우리의 공동체를 풍성하게 만듭니다. 그들 중에는 "드림머(Dreamers)"로 알려진 DACA 수혜자들도 있습니다. 2024년 9월 기준으로 약 50만 9천 명이 이 나라에서 자라며 우리의 사회에 기여하고 있습니다. 그들의 희망과 꿈은 우리의 것과 다르지 않습니다.

조세 및 경제정책 연구소에 따르면, 서류미비 이민자들은 매년 약 117억 달러를 주 및 지방 세금으로 기여한다고 합니다. 이 숫자들은 단순한 통계가 아니라, 회복력과 희생, 그리고 희망의 이야기를 말해줍니다.

성경은 분명히 말합니다. "외국인을 학대하지 말라." 그리스도를 따르는 사람들로서 우리는 모든 사람을 정의롭고 존엄하며 긍휼하게 그리고 사랑으로 대해야 합니다. 우리 또한 하나님의 은혜를 받은 사람들로서, 우리의 공로가 아니라 하나님의 축복으로 이 땅에서 살고 있습니다.

이 2월에 베이사이드연합감리교회가 다음의 발걸음을 함께 내딛기를 초대합니다.

#### 1. 자비와 목적을 가지고 기도합시다

우리의 지도자들, 특히 트럼프 대통령과 그의 행정부가 지혜와 자비, 긍휼로 다스릴 수 있도록 기도합시다. 또한 이 땅에서 평화와 존엄을 찾는 이민자들이 정의와 희망을 찾을 수 있도록 기도합시다.

#### 2. 환대의 마음을 엽시다

미국의 이야기는 이민자들의 이야기입니다. 그들은 우리의 나라를 풍성하게 만드는 존재들입니다. 그리스도의 몸 된 교회로서 우리도 하나님께서 예수 그리스도를 통해서 우리를 환대하신 것처럼 낯선 이들을 환영하는 문과 마음을 엽시다.

#### 3. 보호와 치유의 교회가 됩시다

예수님의 복음을 살아내며 정의와 자비를 옹호하고 가장 작은 자들과 함께 서는 교회가 됩시다. 그리고 고통 받는 이웃들과 함께 할 때, 하나님의 보호하심과 치유가 임하는 교회가 될 줄 믿습니다.

예수 그리스도의 이름으로 사랑과 자비와 긍휼로 세상을 비추며, 이웃을 내 몸과 같이 사랑함으로써 하나님께 영광 돌리는 교회가 됩시다. 예수 그리스도의 이름으로 우리 함께 험한 세상에 다리를 놓고 희망을 전하며, 모든 사람에게 소망을 주시는 그리스도의 은혜 안에 살아갑시다.

그리스도 안에서 소망을 주시는 주님의 은혜로

담임목사 이용보 드림



A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton: Reflections  
on the Past Week  
January 25, 2025

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Active, Retired & Local Church Lay Leaders of the New York  
Annual Conference

(Matthew 25:35-36, The Message)

I was in prison, and you came to me.  
I was sick and you stopped to visit,  
I was shivering and you gave me clothes,  
I was homeless and you gave me a room,  
I was thirsty, and you gave me drink,  
I was hungry and you fed me



**NEW HOPE EPISCOPAL AREA**  
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◀ THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

In 1738, after a long practice of preaching TO people from a high steeple Anglican Church, John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, took a radical step to preach WITH people who had gathered in a field near Bristol, England. On that day John Wesley wrote these words in his journal:

“At four in the afternoon, I submitted to become more vile and proclaimed in the highways the glad tidings of salvation ...”

For Wesley, to become more vile meant that he had to move beyond his comfort zone and enter the world of the poor, the oppressed, the imprisoned, and, in fact, anyone who was in need. The struggle to take the words of faith we embrace and literally use them as the foundation for courageous acts of faithfulness, forged what we know today as our United Methodist theology. It is what we believe, and it is what we do.

Today I write in the midst of massive change and transition. In less than a week, the United States has become a place where the poor, the oppressed, the marginalized, the immigrant, the LGBTQ+ community, and so many others are experiencing great fear and anxiety as a result of executive orders and campaign promises being lived out by the new administration.

Those clear tensions and anxieties present significant challenges to a church that is tempted toward complacency and the avoidance of conflict. However, in what is yet another seminal moment for the church, we are being presented with an opportunity to become more “vile” by getting out of our comfort zone to enter the heartaches and fears of others. This is the moment, the opportunity, to take the gospel TO the people.

Today, I call upon all United Methodists in New England and New York to embrace a posture of radical welcome and hospitality. I call upon all churches to provide a safe space of welcome to immigrants and the marginalized who are afraid, intimidated, and threatened. I call upon all leaders, both lay and clergy, to take bold steps to lead our people into the gospel and into the very communities where our churches reside. As Romans 15:7 says so clearly, "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." This is our time and our moment to become more "vile."

To those of you who have already taken bold steps to minister to the urgent needs of the immigrant and the marginalized, I applaud your efforts and want you to know that we stand with you and alongside you as you do all you can to live into your baptismal vow to "resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves." We will do whatever is needed to support and encourage your ongoing work. Thank you for being "vile."

To those of you who are afraid of words like resistance, advocacy, intervention, and conflict, I urge you to examine how Christianity is defined not secularly, but biblically. As I Peter 3:13-15 states, "Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and to not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord."

I want you to know that we stand ready to support you as you struggle, as John Wesley himself did, to move from the safe and predictable to the fearful and uncertain world that has emerged around us. I pray that you can become more "vile."

To those of you who are immigrants, refugees, and ones who are seeking safety and peace, I want you to know that we stand with you and alongside you. Our prayers are with you, and we pray that our actions may remind you of how deeply you are loved and valued.

And to all of us, may we be reminded that together we are the body of Christ, siblings created by the same God, called to see one another as colleagues, friends, and neighbors and reminded always that when one of us suffers, we all suffer together (I Corinthians 12:26).

This is a day when the struggle for human rights has reached a new level of importance. It is a day when we must find ways to minister to those around us for if we do not, there is no guarantee that anyone will. This is the time for the church to live out its faith in acts of compassion, grace, justice, joy and love.

In the midst of all that we have experienced in the last few days, there is still much that we do not know. While we are being briefed by state government officials, they acknowledge there's much they do not know. It's important to remember that specific strategies used today may rapidly change tomorrow as policies and actions emerge. We pledge to all of you that we will keep you informed about actions and directions that are recommended to us.

Most of all today, let us reaffirm who we are and what we are called to be as the church: a place of welcome, belonging, safety, and peace. Let us support one another as a people who, by faith, are called to take bold steps to live out our faith, not just talk about it.

Then those 'sheep' are going to say, 'Master, what are you talking about?

When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and gave you a drink?

And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?'

Then the King will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of those things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me - you did it to me.'

(Matthew 25: 37-40, The Message)

Sounds like we need to become more "vile."

May it be so. Amen.

Thomas J. Bickerton  
Resident Bishop  
New Hope Episcopal Area  
The New England & New York Annual Conferences

# A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP BICKERTON

 New York Annual Conference  
The United Methodist Church







# Rev. Dr. Elizabeth C. Abel

District Superintendent  
Long Island West



January 27, 2025

Beloved,

Ever since the inauguration of the 47th president of the United States we have been living in some strange times. There has been a lot happening as reported in the news that impacts all of us in different ways. It is important that we are not reactive but strive to be responsive and thoughtful to the needs of all those we serve, especially those in the pews and in our communities. I have been in deep prayer and discernment in how best I can offer you hope in these strange times.

I lean into the text from Leviticus 19:33-34, "When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners ... I am the LORD your God." I know many of you have migrated to the US and serve many who also have migrated or are still immigrants. Many are living everyday with some sort of fear or anxiety and now being told the church and schools are no longer a place of refuge. I want to reinforce that the church will always be a place of safety for all people.

Beloved, as a child of God, I want you to know that you are valued and we care about any burden of fear or anxiety you may be feeling. We want you to know that we are here with you and will do what we can to support you and stand with you through these difficult times. Everyday there are new actions and new dynamics that dictate how we will need to respond. Please let us know if you are facing an issue that has specific circumstances that may help others in a broader context.

A few things we have learned from this week:

- Know that officers from the Department Immigration and Customs Enforcement or ICE, should present a Judicial Warrant (signed by a judge) not just an administrative warrant (signed by an administrative person or officer of the Department). It will List the State Court or appropriate court issuing the warrant.
- If detained in NY, NY state offers pro bono representation. [www.nycbar.org/get-legal-help/](http://www.nycbar.org/get-legal-help/) <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/file/ProBonoNY/dl>
  - Please be aware this is an opportunity for attorneys to scam and further victimize our people, so be mindful who you are selecting to represent you.
- Office of New Americans hotline <https://dos.ny.gov/office-new-americans>
- Always carry identification. A copy is best, keeping one in a secured location on a copy with a trusted family member.
  - When you are not required to show ID
    - You are walking on the street without any illegal activity
    - You are in a public place like a park or on public transportation, unless you are suspected of fare evasion
  - When you are required to show ID
    - You are being lawfully detained or arrested



# Rev. Dr. Elizabeth C. Abel

## District Superintendent Long Island West



- You are driving and are asked for your driver's license
- What to do if you are stopped by the police
- Remain calm and comply with the officer's requests
- Do not lie to the police
- You have the right to remain silent
- You have the right to talk to a lawyer before you talk to the police
- [Know Your Rights in NYC](#)
- Work not to be confrontational. Even if resistant, ask for time to call a lawyer, to call your pastor, to call a family member.

The Bishop's office is working on gathering additional resources to share for all congregations to be equipped to support your members and communities. These times are full of uncertainty and tons of questions. As we await further direction and continue to watch the news, I encourage you in that we are a resilient people and our faith should be what sustains us. God's love for us will continue to provide a way through the wilderness. Let us hold vigils, open our doors for sanctuary and refuge, regardless of what the government says, let us be poised for action and ready for justice and respond to the immediate needs of our members.

This statement was written in collaboration with the District Committee on Ethnic Local Church Concerns. If you have concerns that you would like to bring to ur attention, you can contact them at: [liwethnicchurch@gmail.com](mailto:liwethnicchurch@gmail.com)

We are the church, let us be the church.

Dr. Liz



# FEBRUARY LECTIONARY

## SERMON TEXTS FOR WORSHIP

2/2 Luke 4:22-30: Holy  
Communion

2/9 Luke 5:1-11

2/16 Luke 6:17-26

2/23 Luke 6:27-38.

(As for Korean congregation, 3.1  
Independence's the 106th  
anniversary).

# **BAYSIDE UMC WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING**

**Every Second Sunday of the  
Month  
after fellowship/coffee time.**

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3PM - 5PM | \$400 - 7 Weeks

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- Pick-Up 5PM- 6pm
- Breakfast, Lunch & Snacks Provided
- Math & English, STEAM
- SHSAT (8th Graders)
- Arts & Crafts, Glee, Music
- Gym Time (Basketball, Soccer & more)
- Praise & Worship

ACTIVITIES

- Carnival Day- Face painting, Making Balloontwisting, Cottoncandy, Popcorn, Ice Cream, and much more!
- Animal Petting
- Movies / Nintendo Switch
- Laser Tag / Bounce House
- Talent Market

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BAYSIDE UMC

# Far Rockaway UMC Mission Center

Donate clothing, canned or boxed foods, and anything else someone else can use.

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Donation boxes are set up behind the sanctuary.



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# 2025 Bayside UMC Daily Bible Reading Chart [ January - March ]

January [Faith]			February [Nurture]			March [Love]		
1	Genesis	1-5	1	Numbers	17-20	1	I Samuel	7-9
2	Genesis	6-10	2	Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6 1 Corin 13:1-13, Luke 4:21-30		2	Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99 2 Corin 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:28-36	
3	Genesis	11-15	3	Numbers	21-25	3	I Samuel	10-14
4	Genesis	16-20	4	Numbers	26-30	4	I Samuel	15-19
5	Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12, Psalm 72:1-14		5	Numbers	31-36	5	I Samuel	20-23
6	Genesis	21-25	6	Deuteronomy	1-4	6	I Samuel	24-27
7	Genesis	26-29	7	Deuteronomy	5-8	7	I Samuel	28-31
8	Genesis	30-35	8	Deuteronomy	9-13	8	II Samuel	1-4
9	Genesis	36-39	9	Isaiah 6:1-13, Psalm 138 1 Corin 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11		9	Deut 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1-16 Romans 10:8-13, Luke 4:1-13	
10	Genesis	40-46	10	Deuteronomy	14-19	10	II Samuel	5-8
11	Genesis	47-50	11	Deuteronomy	20-24	11	II Samuel	9-14
12	Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-22		12	Deuteronomy	25-29	12	II Samuel	15-19
13	Exodus	1-5	13	Deuteronomy	30-34	13	II Samuel	20-24
14	Exodus	6-9	14	Joshua	1-5	14	I Kings	1-4
15	Exodus	10-13	15	Joshua	6-9	15	I Kings	5-8
16	Exodus	14-17	16	Jeremiah 17:5-10, Luke 6:17-26 Psalm 1, 1 Corinthians 15:12-20		16	Genesis 15:1-18, Luke 13:31-35 Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17-21	
17	Exodus	18-20	17	Joshua	10-14	17	I Kings	9-12
18	Exodus	21-25	18	Joshua	15-19	18	I Kings	13-16
19	Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corin 12:1-11, John 2:1-11		19	Joshua	20-24	19	I Kings	17-19
20	Exodus	26-29	20	Judges	1-4	20	I Kings	20-22
21	Exodus	30-34	21	Judges	5-8	21	II Kings	1-4
22	Exodus	35-40	22	Judges	9-12	22	II Kings	5-8
23	Leviticus	1-5	23	Genesis 45:3-15, Psalm 37:1-40 1 Corin 15:35-50, Luke 6:27-38		23	Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8 1 Cor 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9	
24	Leviticus	6-10	24	Judges	13-16	24	II Kings	9-12
25	Leviticus	11-16	25	Judges	17-21	25	II Kings	13-16
26	Nehemiah 8:1-10, Luke 4:14-21 Psalm 19, 1 Corin 12:12-31		26	Ruth	1-4	26	II Kings	17-20
27	Leviticus	17-22	27	I Samuel	1-3	27	II Kings	21-25
28	Leviticus	23-27	28	I Samuel	4-6	28	I Chronicles	1-5
29	Numbers	1-5				29	I Chronicles	6-9
30	Numbers	6-10				30	Joshua 5:9-12, Luke 15:1-32 Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21	
31	Numbers	11-16				31	I Chronicles	10-19