

World Communion



Sunday



The Setauket Presbyterian Church

“As active disciples of Jesus Christ, we celebrate and share the love of God among ourselves and with others.”

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY World Communion Sunday

October 5, 2014

9:30 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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 mindful of your center—your reservoir of inner peace, strength, love. Be aware of being together in silence with others.

Feel the spirit of the community.

Silent Meditation Luke 13:29

People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

Vendrán del oriente y del occidente, del norte y del sur, y se sentarán a *la mesa* en el reino de Dios.

人們將從東、西、南、北而來，在神的國裡坐席。

Es werden kommen vom Morgen und vom Abend, von Mitternacht und vom Mittage, die zu Tische sitzen werden im Reich Gottes.

Il en viendra de l'orient et de l'occident, du nord et du midi; et ils se mettront à table dans le royaume de Dieu.

Prelude *Meditation on J.S. Bach*

Mikael Darmanie

Ringing of the Steeple Bell

Introit *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Spanish Caribbean

(Leader, Choir, and Congregation)

Welcome and Announcements

*** Call to Worship**

Now after they had seen the risen Lord, the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

And Jesus came and said to them,

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

“Go therefore,” Jesus continued, “and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.

“And remember,” he said, “I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

*** Hymn 340** *This Is My Song*

FINLANDIA (Finnish National Anthem)

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

Holy God, merciful and mighty, you call us to strive for good and not for evil. You call us to work for justice so that all may live in peace. But we trample the poor, we oppress the weak, and we push aside the needy. We take what is not ours, ignore the words of your prophets, and silence the voices of truth. Forgive us, O God: restore us. Make us holy: make us whole. Let your justice roll down like water, and your righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, so that songs of peace and joy may resound again in our hearts and throughout our land; for we pray in the strong name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our Savior...

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection) Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

...Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

ANTHEM *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

arr. Mikael Darmanie

Children's Choir

HEARING THE WORD

Sung Prayer for Illumination

Hymn 288 Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me...melt me, mold me, fill me, use me...

Scripture Ephesians 2:11-22 (alt.)

REFLECTION/ACTION

The Rev. Mary B. Speers

At the Crossroads: Centering in Christ

TRADITIONAL LAKOTA TRIBE PRAYER, ALT.

Paul reminds us that Christ is the center of creation, of our lives, and of the world.

We seek the wisdom of directions. From each direction we return to the center reminded that Christ brings healing and salvation and by God's spirit renews the face of the earth. Let us be silent as we face our center point.

Let us face East. *(All persons face East.)*

From the East, the direction of the rising sun, we glean wisdom and knowledge through desert silences and humble service.

Enable us, O god, to be wise in our actions and in our use of the resources of the earth, sharing them in justice, partaking of them in gratitude.

(All persons return facing center.)

Let us face South. *(All persons face South.)*

From the South come guidance and the beginning and end of life.

May we walk good paths, O God, living on the earth as sisters and brothers should, rejoicing in one another's blessing, sympathizing in one another's sorrows, and together look to you, seeking the new heaven and earth.

(All persons return facing center.)

Let us face West. *(All persons face West.)*

From the West come purifying waters.

We pray that water might be pure and available to all, and that we, too, may be purified so that life may be sustained and nurtured over the entire face of the earth.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving, with Intercessions

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and our greatest joy...

... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

(sung call-and-response, as we learned earlier)

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might...

Sharing the Bread and Cup (Please hold the elements until all are served.)

Prayer after Communion (from Psalm 103)

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.

We give you thanks, eternal God, that you have fed us in the Supper of your Holy Child Jesus. Fill us with a vision of your new creation, where all may have life, and have it abundantly; through Jesus Christ, Bread of our Life, and Prince of our Peace. AMEN.

* **HYMN 373** *O Day of Peace*

JERUSALEM

* **BENEDICTION**

The benediction of the God of Sarah, Hagar and Abraham,

The benediction of the Son, who was born of Mary,

The benediction of the Holy Spirit of love,

Who watches over us like a mother for her children,

Descend upon us all. Amen.

(We join with the members of our sister church in San Antonio de los Baños in Cuba in sharing this benediction on the first Sunday of each month.)

CHORAL RESPONSE *Cuban Benediction*

arr. Mark Orton

POSTLUDE *Kreisleriana: iii. Sehr Aufgeregt*

Robert Schumann

please rise in body or in spirit; **unison prayers are in bold.*

Large print bulletins, Bibles, hymnals and listening devices are available; please ask a Deacon.

OURS IS AN OPEN COMMUNION. All Christians are invited and encouraged to join us as we celebrate this Sacrament today. This includes children whose parents deem it appropriate and who have instructed their children about the meaning of Communion. Please note that the brown bread is gluten-free.

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:00 Knitting at 9 in the Parlor

9:30 Worship Service and the Rev. Mary Speers preaching; Childcare (ages 1 - 3)

9:45 Church School (Preschool through 6th Grade)

11:00 Children's Choir in the Preschool Room

11:00 Exploring Membership Class in the Parlor
