



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 Intergenerational Worship in Black History Month

February 1, 2015

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.

February is Black History Month, and in the church it’s a time to explore and celebrate the African heritage of the Christian faith, down through the centuries.

Prelude *Sonata in Ab Major, Adagio* Haydn

Ringling of the Steeple Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Wa Wa Wa Enimimo (Come, Holy Spirit)* from Nigeria (in the Yoruba language)
Leader, Choir, and Congregation

* **Call to Worship** adapted from John 4:21-22

Jesus said,

“The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship in spirit and truth, for this is the worship that the Creator desires.

“God is spirit,

and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth.”

* **Hymn 408** *There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* (a 20c Gospel song) SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

SELF-EXAMINATION AND CONFESSION a Nigerian prayer, from the Oxford Book of Prayer

God in heaven, you have helped my life to grow like a tree. Now something has happened. A bird called Satan has carried in one twig at a time. Before I knew it, Satan had built a dwelling place, and was living in it. Today, loving God, I am throwing out both the bird and the nest.

(Period of silence for self-examination and confession) Amen.

Assurance of God’s Grace

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

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* **Gloria** an African-American spiritual

1. ***Glory, glory, hallelujah! since I laid my burden down,
Glory, glory, hallelujah! since I laid my burden down.***
2. ***I feel better, so much better, since I laid my burden down,
Feel like shouting, “Hallelujah!” since I laid my burden down.***

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...

First Reading Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29

Anthem *Spirit*

James K. Manley

Children’s Choir

Second Reading John 14:15-21

REFLECTION *Our Best Friend*

The Rev. Mary B. Speers

* HYMN 66 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* (verse 3 below)

African American Spiritual

***Oh I have sorrows, and I have woe, and I have heartaches here below:
But my God leads me, I'm in God's care, and I can feel God ev'rywhere.
Every time I feel the Spirit, etc.***

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Church School Classes

THANKING GOD THROUGH OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory *Take, O Take Me as I AM*

John L. Bell

(The congregation is invited to sign along, Hymn 698)

(Please sign the Friendship Rosters, noting the name of fellow worshippers when it is returned.)

* **Doxology: Hymn 605**

Ghana

* **Prayer of Dedication** based on a prayer of St. Augustine, an ethnic Berber who lived in 4th century Algeria

Breathe in us, O Holy Spirit, that all our thoughts may be holy.

Act in us, O Holy Spirit, that all our work, too, may be holy. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

* **Communion Hymn** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

from the Spanish Caribbean

Holy, holy, holy, Lord of power and might!

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord:

Hosanna in the highest.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving, with Intercessions, and the Lord's Prayer

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:

(please join in, as we learned earlier) ***Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might...***

(the prayer continues, and closes with The Lord's Prayer)

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.

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 the light you have poured into our hearts, and pledge ourselves in turn to pour that light into the world you so love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN 300 *We Are One in the Spirit*

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

This hymn from the Civil Rights era was written for youth by a parish priest on the South Side of Chicago

*** 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 *Amen*

arr. Cleveland and Nix

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.

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 9:00 Knitting at 9 in the Parlor
- 9:30 Worship Service with the Rev. Betsy Simpson preaching; Childcare (ages 1 - 3); Church School Strawberry Sale after Worship
- 11:00 Children's Choir in the Preschool Room
- 11:00 Adult Education Class in Jr./Sr. High Room
- 11:00 Parenting Workshop in the Parlor