



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

5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 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 *Moment Musicaux no. 2*

Schubert

Ringing of the Steeple Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Come All You People*

Alexander Gondo; arr. John Bell

* **Call to Worship** (adapted from Psalm 147)

How good it is to sing praises to our God;

**for God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting. God lifts up the
downtrodden; God casts the wicked to the ground.**

The LORD does not delight in the strength of the horse, nor take pleasure in the speed of a runner:

**But those who fear the LORD, those who hope in the steadfast love of the
LORD, those are the ones with whom the LORD is pleased.**

* **Hymn 317** *In Christ There Is No East or West* (African-American tune)

MCKEE

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is. Your understanding is beyond measure and your love reaches beyond our sense of our own worth. We confess to you that we have forsaken your way to follow the fears and anxieties of our own paths. Teach us to turn to you in faith and to trust that your Spirit moving within each of us will sustain us as we try, once again, to live into the peace given to us by your Son, in whose name we pray...

(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!

* **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.**

WITH THE CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Children should proceed to their church school class.)

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 Isaiah 40:21-31

Anthem *On Eagle's Wings*

Michael Joncas

Second Reading Mark 1:29-39

THE SERMON *Waiting on Wings*

Rev. Betsy Simpson

* HYMN 203 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* (Ghana)

CHEREPONI

THANKING GOD THROUGH OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory

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

* Doxology: Hymn 605

from Ghana

* Prayer of Dedication

from the Book of Common Prayer of the Anglican Church of Ghana

Almighty and everlasting God, you who have graciously given to us the fruits of the earth in their season: We yield you humble and hearty thanks for these your bounties, beseeching you to give us grace rightly to use them to your glory and the relief of those that need; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 354 *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*

BATTLE HYMN

(sing the following after verse 1 and then continue with hymnal verses 2 & 3)

***I have seen Him in the watchfires
Of a hundred circling camps;
They have builded Him an altar
In the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence
By the dim and flaring lamps;
His day is marching on.***

In 1861, journalist Julia Ward Howe visited the Union encampment outside Washington, DC, hearing all around her the Abolitionist tune "John Brown's Body," to which she wrote these words.

Almost immediately, her words, and their tune, were rechristened "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

* CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION and BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *The Heavens are Telling*

Mikael Darmanie

POSTLUDE *Moment Musicaux No. 1*

Schubert

*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 15

- 9:00 Knitting at 9 in the Parlor
 - 9:30 Worship Service with Ruling Elder Marie Zupka-Ludder preaching; Childcare (ages 1 - 5)
 - 9:45 Combined Church School (Kindergarten through 6th Grade)
 - 11:00 Children's Choir in the Preschool Room
 - 11:00 Adult Education Class in Jr./Sr. High Room
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