



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

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 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.

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.

Prelude

Ringling of the Steeple Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *I Will Cry Unto God Most High*

Robert Wetzler

* Call to Worship

There are different gifts.

But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God.

But it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through different people in different ways.

But it is the same God working through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit.

To use it for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ.

Each one of us is a member of that body.

* Hymn 694 *Great God of Every Blessing*

AURELIA

ORDINATION and INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

Questions to Officers-elect and to the Congregation

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Congregational Unison Prayer of Commitment and Support

God of grace, who called us to common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.

Recognition and Thanksgiving for Faithful Service

We recognize those who were called by God through the voice of the church to give service, and who today conclude their current terms on the session and deacons.

We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ. We celebrate and give thanks for God's call to all who minister among us.

Let us pray:

Eternal God, look mercifully upon this church, and upon these your servants, whose particular service we recognize today. We praise you for joy and accomplishments and for your grace which has nurtured and sustained us and them. Bind us ever closer to one another and draw us nearer to our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may continue to minister in this community with patience and love, wisdom and joy. Amen.

* Hymn 377 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

HOUSTON

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

God of grace and glory, we thank you for coming to dwell among us as the Christ, the Light of the World. We know Jesus wants us to be the light of the world, but oh! how dimly do we burn! We lift up to your light those times when, ignoring the words of Jesus, we find reasons to turn away from the needy; to be skeptical of cries for justice; to be too busy to strive for peace. In the fullness of your mercy, cleanse us of fear and self-reproach, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, so that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory as it shone in the face of Jesus Christ... (period of silence for self-examination and confession)

Choral Supplication *Lamb of God*

Paul Vasile

Assurance of God's Grace

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

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

WITH THE CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Children should proceed to their church school class.)

HEARING THE WORD

Sung Prayer for Illumination

Hymn 460: *Break Thou the Bread of Life* (verse 1)

***Break Thou the Bread of Life, dear Lord, to me:
as Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page, I seek Thee, Lord;
my spirit pants for Thee, O Living Word!***

First Reading Matthew 5:14-18

Anthem *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Lowell Mason

Second Reading John 8:1-12

THE SERMON *Being the Light*

The Rev. Mary B. Speers

* **HYMN 314** *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

THANKING GOD THROUGH OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory

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

* **Offering Song, Hymn 708, verse 1** *(please rise as the offering is brought forward)*

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Our Rock and Redeemer, we return these gifts to you. Follow them with your blessing, and send into your world through us all the peace, the shining hope, the abundant life you give, through the one who was, and is, and is to come, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

*** HYMN 749** *Come! Live in the Light*

WE ARE CALLED

*** CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION and BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE *Four-fold Amen*

Mark Orton

POSTLUDE

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, MARCH 15

- 9:00 Knitting at 9 in the Parlor
- 9:30 Worship Service and the Rev. Kate Jones Calone preaching; Childcare (ages 1 - 3)
- 9:45 Church School (Preschool through 6th Grade)
- 11:00 Children's Choir in the Preschool Room
- 11:00 Adult Education Class in the Parlor
- 11:00 Parenting Workshop in the Jr./Sr. High Room
- 3:00 Three Village Clergy Education Series at the Islamic Assoc. of Long Island