



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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 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 *Prelude No. 1*

Messiaen

Ringing of the Steeple Bell

Welcome and Announcements

* **Call to Worship** (Psalm 108:5-6, 12-13)

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,

and let your glory be over all the earth.

Give victory with your right hand, and answer me,

so that those you love may be rescued.

O grant us help against the foe, for human help is worthless.

With God we shall do valiantly; it is God who will tread down our foes.

* **Hymn (insert)** *Onward, Christian Soldiers*

ST. GERTRUDE

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

O God who sees into every human heart, only you know how much each of us struggles with darkness and despair. Our fears, our doubts, our worries, wash over us, until evil appears to have the upper hand, for we confess we have sometimes even wondered if you really care for us. There is so much wrong in the world, and we feel so puny and weak. The foes of sin and temptation batter at us, the giants of injustice and cruelty and violence threaten to overwhelm us, and we cower, unable to find the faith to withstand them. Forgive us, God of Hope. Remind us that if we only open our hearts, you will heal us. If we but listen to your words, we will be given wisdom, strength, and courage to do your will. And if, once again, we give our lives to you, we find that even taking up the cross brings joy, for we follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus your Anointed One, to whom we are pledged and in whose strong name we pray...

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of God’s Grace

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

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* **Gloria** (sing once in unison, twice in a round) from Taizé Hymnal
*(a)Gloria to God, glory to God, (b)glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God; alleluia, alleluia.*

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 I Samuel 17:4-9, 32-50

Second Reading Ephesians 6:10-18

THE SERMON Soldiers of the Cross

The Rev. Mary B. Speers

* **HYMN 846** *Fight the Good Fight*

DUKE STREET

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.)

* **Doxology 606** (alt)

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Singly we are poor, but in you, Holy One, we are rich. Singly we are weak, but in you, we can overcome giants and move mountains. Accept these gifts and follow them with your blessing, that they may join with our hands and hearts to bring the true victory, justice and peace, to your hurting world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* **HYMN** (insert) *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

WEBB

* **CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION and BENECTION**

POSTLUDE *Prelude in D major*

Bach

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, SEPTEMBER 6

9:30 Worship Service with Communion and the Rev. Mary Speers preaching;

Childcare (ages 1 - 5)

NO Church School