



# 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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 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

#### Ringing of the Steeple Bell

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Introit

#### \* Call to Worship (from Psalm 125)

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,

**Which cannot be moved, but abides forever.**

As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people,

**From this time forth and forevermore.**

#### \* Hymn 327 *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

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### PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

**God who gives life to all creation, we praise you for all the ways we know your love in your amazing world. We thank you for health and happiness and all your blessings in our lives. Help us, O God, so to meet you today that we may go out knowing you better, loving you more, and serving you more faithfully. Here in these last days of summer, as the days are growing shorter, we ask that we may see our lives as they are, and also as you would have them be. Give us true sorrow for our faults, and then give us the faith, strength, and joy to be what you mean us to be, through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord, 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

**<sup>(a)</sup>Glory to God, glory to God, <sup>(b)</sup>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 Joshua 2: 1-11, 15-16, 22-24

Anthem

Second Reading James 2:14-26

THE SERMON Faith Works

The Rev. Mary B. Speers

## 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

**You call to us to follow you, O Christ, and to find new ways to convey our joy to people everywhere. We offer ourselves and our substance to do your work in the world, asking that you follow our offerings with your blessing, and keep us always in the guidance of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

\* Hymn 503 *Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation*

O QUANTA QUALIA

**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.**

**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 giving us all good gifts in Christ, and pledge ourselves to serve Christ in our neighbor for we pray in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.**

\* HYMN 543 *O Christ, Surround Me*

GREEN TYLER

**\* 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**

*\*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.

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**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 all the bread being served is gluten-free.

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**NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 - HOMECOMING SUNDAY**

- 9:30 Worship Service and the Rev. Mary Speers preaching; Childcare (ages 1 - 3)
  - 9:45 Church School (Preschool through 6th Grade)
  - 11:00 Homecoming Picnic and Bread for the World Bake Sale
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