



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

4th Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2017

9:30 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Ringing of the Steeple Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: Light Enters *Psalm 25*

Normand Gouin

* Call to Worship

When we are lost in the wilderness,

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

When we complain about our problems,

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

When we ignore abundant provisions,

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

When we sneak around in the dark,

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

When questions loom and faith falters,

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

In this time of worship, God, may we release our failures and rest in your love.

Amen.

* Hymn 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

Gracious God, we want to hold on to what we know. We are afraid to take risks for the sake of the gospel; we want to keep our lives safe. Forgive us, O God, when we cling to comfort, when we build barriers to protect ourselves, when we choose the easy way. Help us in our inward journey of Lent. Transform our fears that we may deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Jesus to serve the world.

Amen.

*the spoken prayer leads us into a period of silent self-examination and confession,
which is brought to a close with:*

Sung Supplication *Lamb of God*

Paul Vasile

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Have mercy, have mercy on us. (2x)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Grant us, O grant us your peace.

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 451 v. 1

***Open my eyes, that I may see visions of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee: ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes: illumine me, Spirit divine!***

First Reading Psalm 23

Anthem *The Lord is My Shepherd*

Alan Morris, oboe

John Rutter

Second Reading John 9:1-41

THE SERMON *Make Open Our Eyes*

The Rev. Dr. Craig Malbon

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

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

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

**Lord Jesus Christ, you were rich,
yet for our sake you became poor,
so that through your poverty we might become rich.
Accept this collection and offering
as a token of our gratitude
for all you have done. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING and INTERCESSION

* HYMN 649 *Amazing Grace*

* CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION and BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *I Lift My Eyes to the Quiet Hills*

Baughen & Dudley-Smith

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, APRIL 2

- 9:00 Knitting at 9 in the Parlor
 - 9:30 Church School (Preschool through 6th Grade); Middle School Program (7th-8th Grade)
 - 9:30 Worship Service with Communion and the Rev. Mary Speers preaching;
Childcare (ages 1 - 3);
 - 11:00 Children's Choir in the Choir Room
 - 11:00 Adult Education Class in the Parlor
 - 2:00 to 9:00 Music Lessons in the upper Preschool Room
 - 6:00 Sunday Youth Group at a family's home
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