

Welcome to the

Setauket Presbyterian Church

of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022

9:30AM & 11:00AM

GATHERING MUSIC *The Holy City with "Jerusalem"* Stephen Adams
Charles Hubert Hastings Parry
arr. by Stephen DeCesare

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Were You There?* African American Spiritual
Nicole Karrs, Alto arr. by Randa Kirshbaum

The Light Enters

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord will swallow up death forever,
and God will wipe away tears from all faces.

**It will be said on that day, "Lo, this is our God;
we have waited for the one who might save us."**

"This is the Lord, for whom we have waited."

Let us be glad and rejoice in the salvation of our Lord.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

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❖ **HYMN no. 232** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen lord.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

God’s steadfast love endures forever!

Behold, we shall not die, but we shall live!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia!

❖ **SUNG RESPONSE** no. 248 *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* (Stanza 1)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11AM Only)

BELLS

Steal Away

Wallis Willis, arr. by Bill Ingram

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

Orientis Partibus

arr. by Kristina Langlois

SECOND LESSON

Luke 24:1-12

SERMON

“Thank God for Easter!”

Rev. Charles M. Cary

❖ **HYMN** no. 233 *The Day of Resurrection*

OFFERTORY

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth from Messiah

G.F. Händel

Barbara Fusco-Spera, Mezzo Soprano

❖ DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God all creatures here below;

praise God above ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

❖ DEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Eternal God, we praise you that your glory has dawned on us, and brought us to this great day. We rejoice that death could not hold your son, and that He is risen to rule over all powers. Lift us from any doubt or despair. Set our feet in Christ’s Holy way. Let our lives be signs of your love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

❖ **HYMN** no. 236 *The Strife is O’er*

❖ RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

From darkness and despair, we find hope and joy.

Christ is risen! We go forth in joy!

From doubt and betrayal, we find trust and faith.

Christ is risen! We go forth in faith!

From suffering and death, we find healing and life.

Christ is risen! We go forth to live!

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Alleluia!

CHORAL RESPONSE *The Trumpet Shall Sound* from *Messiah* G.F. Händel
Liam Butchart, Bass-Baritone

POSTLUDE *Easter Alleluia Medley* arr. by Gary Lanier

*This morning's bulletin cover is "A Choice" By Lauren Wright Pittman
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We welcome our Worship Assistant, musical leaders, instrumentalists, choir members and everyone who helped make this service happen this morning. Thanks to everyone for their service!

Violin 1-Dale Stuckenbruck

Cello-Wei-An Hung

Violin 2-Agata Manka

Trumpet-Eric Wortzman

Viola-Stephen Gorgone

Percussion-Koji Ishida

SPC Choir:

Barbara Fusco-Spera, Nicole Karrs, Cynthia Porter, Arlene Rogers, Lauren Ishida, Liam Butchart, Greg Senf, Will Senf and Robert McCarthy

Bell Choir:

Alice Dawes, Joan Kahnhauser, Richard Holroyd, Gretchen Smith, Lauren Ishida and Arlene Rogers

THE STAFF

Rev. Charles M. Cary, Temporary Supply Pastor

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