

Welcome to the

Setauket Presbyterian Church

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



**Fourteenth Sunday
After Pentecost**

Order of Worship

September 11, 2022

❖ *please rise in body or in spirit; unison words are in bold.*

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

The Light Enters

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are here this morning to seek God,
and God is here this morning to seek us!

Great is God's grace,
mercy,
and love.

We can trust God.

God will find us in our bone-dry deserts,
and carry us home.

❖ **HYMN** no. 395 *Blessed Jesus, At Your Word*

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Lord, we confess this morning that sometimes we are the scribes and Pharisees of other people's lives, holding them to the letter of the law, turning up our noses at them as not "holy" or "good" enough. We are a presumptuous people!

Lord, we confess this morning that we can also be our own worst scribes and Pharisees. Many are the times when you offer us your free grace and mercy only to encounter our strange, stubborn need to cling to our shortcomings, to beat ourselves up for past mistakes. Again, we are a presumptuous people!

Lord, help us to see that you don't need us to judge the world. This is your job, and you have already chosen how you intend to it, namely, under the banner of mercy and forgiveness. There is no need to fear you. There is need only to trust in your steadfast love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Friends, what does the Spirit have to say to the church today? This: that we are God's children, the sheep of God's flock, whom God calls, seeks, and carries upon God's shoulders. We are no mysteries to God; God knows and loves us. Beloved, trust that there is abundant mercy for your sins in Jesus and be at peace. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE no. 649 *Amazing Grace* (verses 1-3)

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN and THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Amazing Grace, you have led us to this place, to this moment, and to this Word of Life. May we listen with the ears of our hearts for everything you have to say to us this morning, and may we rejoice with the angels over our changed minds and new perspectives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-7

SERMON *"Parasites & Predators"* Rev. Dr. Johanna McCune Wagner

❖ **HYMN** no. 802 *The King of Love, My Shepherd Is*

OFFERTORY

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Alice Leser

❖ **DOXOLOGY** no. 609

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God,
all creatures high and low: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

DEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

We give you thanks this day for sweeping us up into your arms and onto your shoulders – for finding us when we are lost. May the gifts we share with you, one another, and the world this morning serve a similar purpose. Lord, let these gifts find the people who need to be found and delight the people who need be delighted. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

❖ **HYMN** no. 620 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

❖ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

We welcome **Alice Leser** as our Worship Assistant this morning.

Thanks to Alice for this service!

THE SESSION

The Rev. Dr. Johanna McCune Wagner, Moderator

The Rev. Ashley McFaul-Erwin

Stuart Campbell, Clerk

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THE STAFF

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