

*Welcome to the*

# **Setauket Presbyterian Church**

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



**Sixth Sunday of Pentecost**

# *Order of Worship*

July 9, 2023

❖ *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 (adapted from Psalm 145)

Come, all you who carry heavy burdens,  
and Christ will give you rest.

**For he is gentle and humble in heart:  
in him we find rest for our souls.**

## OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 32**    *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we confess to you and to each other that we are tired and weighed down by the mistakes we have made, even in our closest relationships with our friends and families. We give this burden to you, mindful of Jesus' promise that he will give us rest.

Holy One, we confess that we have taken this faith of yours and twisted it into something harsh and difficult for ourselves and others. We also give you this burden, knowing that it is not your will to lay a heavy yoke upon us.

Holy One, we confess that we do not know you as we should. We think you a hard and demanding master when you are our humble, gentle friend. We also give you this burden, knowing that you would have us see you as you really are, full of ease and light.

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Friends, hear the good news of our faith: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, showing compassion to all. Forgiven and freed, let us rise up with joy and share our peace with one another.

**SUNG RESPONSE no. 104**    *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

## 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**

**Comforting God, by your Holy Spirit lift the burdens from our souls so that, through your Word, we might learn how easy it is to live in loving relationship with you.**

**Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 11:16-30

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done, because they did not repent. “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.” At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

### **ANTHEM**

**SERMON** “An Easy Yoke, A Light Burden”

Rev. Dr. Johanna McCune Wagner

❖ **HYMN no. 418** *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

### **CALL TO OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY**

❖ 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!

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Compassionate God, we ask that you bless and multiply these gifts, that they may be used to proclaim the glory of your kingdom and make known to all people the power of your saving acts. Amen.

❖ HYMN no. 539 *We Will Go Out with Joy*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today's liturgy is adapted *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year A, Vol. 2*.

We welcome **Jean Hrbek** as our Worship Assistant and **Nicole Karrs** as our Soloist this morning. Thanks to Jean and Nicole for their service!

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