

*Welcome to the*

# **Setauket Presbyterian Church**

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



## **First Sunday in Lent**

# *Order of Worship*

February 26, 2023

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

## **GATHERING MUSIC**

## **RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **INTROIT**

**The Light Enters**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Listen!

**There is hope to be found here.**

Listen!

**God calls you by name here.**

Listen!

**There is love that abides here.**

Listen!

**God is speaking.**

Let us worship.

**Amen.**

**HYMN no. 409** *God Is Here!*

## ❖ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, you know how unmoored we can feel, tossed about by a world of clashing voices, perceptions, experts, and versions of reality. This person says this. This other person, the opposite. It is confusing and dismaying. Although we want to find our center, we don't always know quite where to look for it. We forget that you have the power to root us in a way of seeing the world, a way of life, and a way of love. Forgive us for not listening intently enough for your voice. Calm and focus our minds and hearts on you once again. Amen.**

**SUNG RESPONSE no. 414** *Be Still and Know That I am God* (sing two times)

## **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

I am loved!

**I am loved!**

I am held in grace!

**I am held in grace!**

I belong to God.

**I belong to God.**

Amen.

### **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**

*Children will be escorted to Church School by Heidi or a teacher after the Lord's Prayer*

**SUNG RESPONSE**      *Way Maker*                      Words and music by Osinachi Okoro  
Nicole Karrs, Alto soloist

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Holy God, your word is bread to us; it makes us strong, loving, and courageous. Thank you for feeding us today with your scriptures and the good news of the gospel! We are here to listen, to learn, to feel, and to grow! Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**      Genesis 3:1-7

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

### **ANTHEM**

SPC Choir

### **SCRIPTURE READING**      Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear

you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' " Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

**SERMON**

*Mine, Too!*

Rev. Dr. Johanna McCune Wagner

**SUNG RESPONSE** no. 463 *How Firm a Foundation* (verses 1, 2, 3 & 5)

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

*Maryke Drenthe<sup>o</sup>, Lauren Ishida\*, Herta Wulff\*, Kathy Kerr\*, Lisa L. Suhadolink\*, Meghan Kortmann<sup>o</sup>, Melanie McDermet<sup>o</sup>, Chris Roth<sup>o</sup>*

(\*to be installed; <sup>o</sup>ordained and installed)

**Opening Responses** (from I Corinthians 12)

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the Body of Christ, and individually members of it.

❖ **Profession of Faith**    The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Constitutional Questions to the Officers-elect**

**Prayer of Ordination and Installation**

**Congregational Unison Prayer of Commitment and Support**

**God of grace, who called us to common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to**

follow where your servants rightly lead us, that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world, through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.

### **Recognition and Thanksgiving for Faithful Service**

We recognize those who were called by God through the voice of the church to give service, and who today conclude their current terms on the session and deacons.

**We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ. We celebrate and give thanks for God's call to all who minister among us.**

Let us pray:

**Eternal God, look mercifully upon this church, and upon these your servants, whose particular service we recognize today. We praise you for joy and accomplishments and for your grace which has nurtured and sustained us and them. Bind us ever closer to one another and draw us nearer to our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.**

### **❖ 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**

**God of all places, including the wild ones, we thank you that you have fired in us a desire to serve our fellow human beings. It is a precious gift indeed to be a worker in this vineyard of yours, the world. Thank you for calling us, for gifting us with our talents, and for giving us soft hearts and strong spirits. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION**

**❖ HYMN no. 543** *God, Be the Love to Search and Know Me*

### **❖ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

Today's liturgy is adapted from *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1, Connections Worship Companion, Year A, Volume 1* and prayers by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org).

We welcome **Meghan Kortmann** as Worship Assistant this morning.

Thanks to Meghan for this service!

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