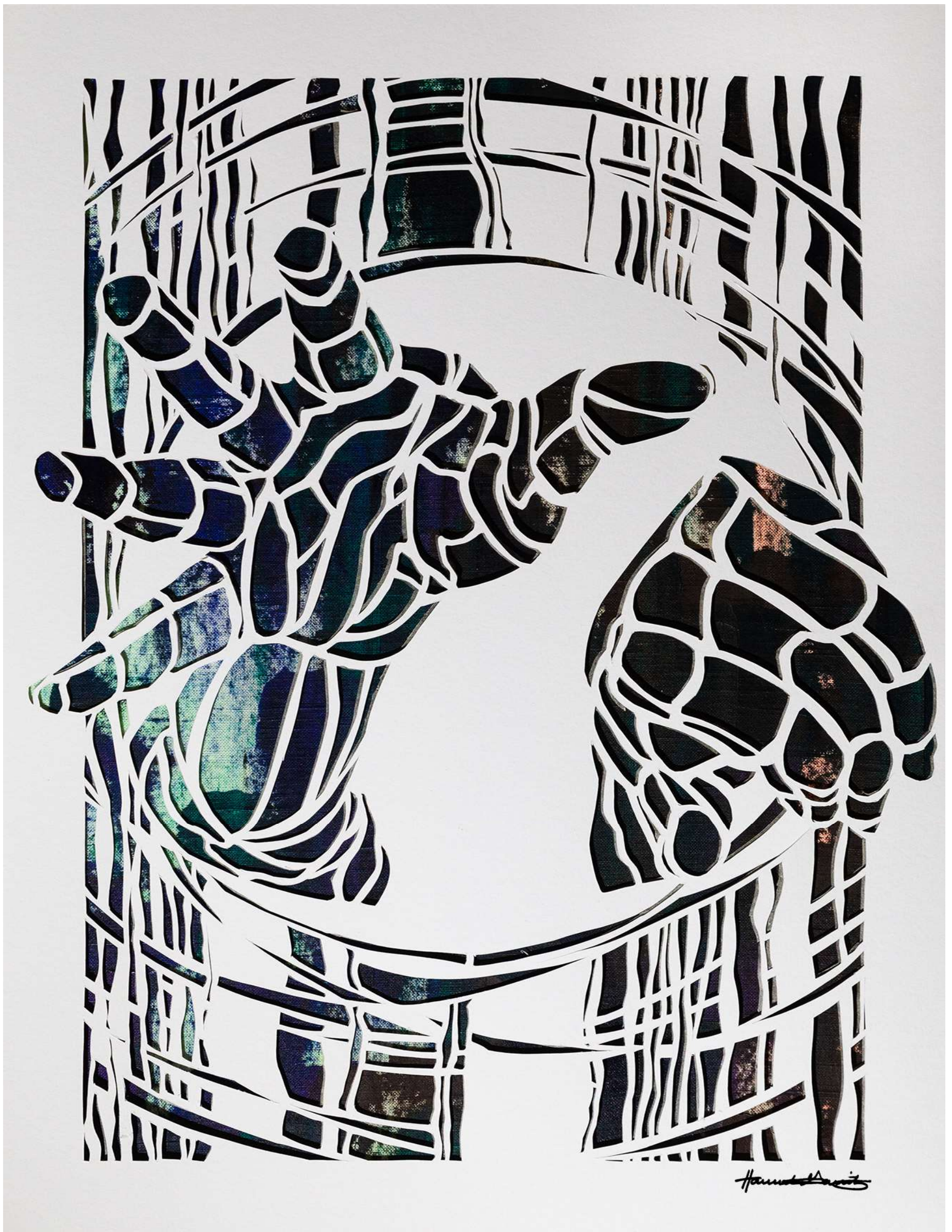


*Welcome to the*

# **Setauket Presbyterian Church**

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



**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

# *Order of Worship*

March 26, 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 130)

This morning the psalmist says –

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

**Let your ears be attentive to my supplications!**

Do not mark my iniquities,

**but instead let me stand;**

**let me watch for you like those who watch for the morning.**

O Israel, says the psalmist this morning, hope in the Lord!

**For with the Lord is steadfast love,**

**and great power to redeem.**

❖ **HYMN no. 2** *Come, Thou Almighty King*

## CALL TO CONFESSION (adapted from Romans 8:6-9)

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live separate lives. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to search for you during all the times and seasons of our lives, but our trials keep our eyes focused on only the smallest and most discouraging things. Forgive us, O Lord. Kindle in us a taste for your way, your will, your truth, and especially, your presence. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Hear the good news! The saying is right: Jesus came into the world to save, not the righteous, not the people who have it all together all the time, but us. He is our good physician, healing us from our sins through his great mercy. Friends, know that we are forgiven and be at peace! Amen.

**SUNG REPOSE** Hymn no. 447 *We Are Forgiven*

## **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*

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**O God, by your Holy Spirit, tell us what we need to know to be able to be faithful in times of both joy and trouble. Testify to us, O God, through the voice of your Son. Put your ways into our hearts, your word into our minds, and your will into our spirits. Amen.**

## **ANTHEM**

### **SCRIPTURE READING** John 11:1-16

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

### **SERMON**

*A Holy Curiosity*

Rev. Dr. Johanna McCune Wagner

❖ **HYMN no. 182** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

## **INVITATION TO THE 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!**

❖ **DEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE**

**Eternal God, creator of the world and giver of everything we have, we thank you for the earth, our home; for the gift of life; and for Jesus, who came to heal this broken world through his love and confidence in his Parent God's goodness. Because he lives, we live to praise you, our God forever and ever, and to serve our neighbor with love in our hearts. Bless this offering of our time, talents, and treasure. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION**

❖HYMN no. 547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

❖CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today's liturgy is adapted from *The Book of Common Worship (PCUSA)*.