

Welcome to the
Setauket Presbyterian Church



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

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Order of Worship

January 7, 2023

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

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

The Light Enters

❖ **HYMN** no. 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day when we remember Jesus' baptism,

the heavens parting,

the Spirit descending like a dove,

and the voice from on high saying,

"You are my Beloved Child, with whom I am well pleased."

What a beautiful day!

Let us also be reminded today of our baptisms,

the words spoken over us that day,

and the love we experienced;

and let us celebrate our connection to a loving and well-pleased God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

We can be so stubborn, Lord. Although we have entered the season in which your light has been given to the world and your blessings poured out on the world, we remain caught up in our own problems, our own needs, our own desires. We want to turn ourselves outwards, to be the people that you call us to be for our family, friends, and neighbors. But somehow this turning just doesn't seem to happen. Lord, pour your baptismal waters over us again, so that we might be for others who you are for us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Friends, I have good news. Even in the midst of our failings, God meets us with words of grace, belonging, and love. No matter what star we've followed, no matter

how far we've walked, no matter how lost we have gotten, God says to us, "You are my child." Know that –

God loves us. God forgives us. God claims us.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE Hymn no. 418 *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling* (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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, we are here today longing for our own experience of the Holy Spirit. Descend now like a dove into this sanctuary and light upon us. We are ready and eager for your Word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Johanna McCune Wagner

HYMN no. 703 *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

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

Loving God, we thank you for all the ways you reach out to us: through scripture, through sacrament, through nature, through nurture, through the Body of Christ. Help us to be there for others as you have been there for us. Teach us your

compassion and healing ways. Make us your loving and trustworthy people. Use the gifts we bring you today to build up someone in need of your love and strength. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Please join in singing the communion hymns as the elements are distributed, and we will partake together after all are served. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) practices an open communion. Visitors and children are welcome to partake of the Lord's Supper. Please note that all shared Communion bread is gluten free, and all "wine" is grape juice.

Hymn no. 525 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

**Let us break bread together
on our knees;
let us break bread together
on our knees.**

**When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,**

**O Lord, have mercy on me.
Let us drink wine...
Let us praise God...**

Hymn no. 507 *Come to the Table of Grace*

**Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table;
it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.**

**Come to the table of ...
...peace...
...love...
...hope...
...joy...**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

❖ **HYMN no. 658** *God is So Good*

❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

We say these words together with our siblings in Christ in San Antonio de los Baños, Cuba

**The benediction of the God of Sarah, Hagar and Abraham,
The benediction of the Son, who was born of Mary,
The benediction of the Holy Spirit of love,
Who watches over us like a mother for her children,
Descend upon us all. Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

La bendición de Dios de Sar' Agar y Abram;

La bendición del hijo que de María nació;

La bendición del Santo Espiritu de'amor

Que vela por nosotros, cual madre por sus hijos,

Descienda sobre todos, Amen.

POSTLUDE

We welcome **Alice Leser** as our Worship Assistant this morning. Thanks to Alice for this service!

THE STAFF

Rev. Dr. Johanna McCune Wagner, Pastor

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