

Kick Off
Sunday
Sept. 18, 2022



SETAUKET
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifteenth
Sunday After
Pentecost

LUKE 16.28

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him. ¹⁵So he said to them
those who justify yourself
of others; but God knows
for what is prized by huma
abomination in the sight
¹⁶ "The law and the p
effect until John came;
good news of the king
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by force." ¹⁷But it is c
and earth to pass aw
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¹⁸ "Anyone who
and marries another
and whoever marrie
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¹⁹ "There was
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Order of Worship

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❖ *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

Who is like our Lord, high above the heavens in glory?

No one! Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Who is like our Lord, raising the poor from the dust
and lifting the needy from the ashes?

No one! Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Who is like our Lord, giving us a passion for justice
and the shrewdness to make light shine in the darkness?

No one! Blessed be the name of the Lord.

❖ **HYMN** no. 305 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy*

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Compassionate God, you know the words about to come from our mouths, and all the things we have done and those we have left undone. And we thank you for this attention to our very selves! This morning, we confess to being your “halfway” followers. We know what needs to change and, when given the chance, will raise our voices in your cause. We just don’t always do what it takes to make change happen. We neglect your gifts of judgment, discernment, street smarts, and ingenuity, perhaps thinking that these things do not have a place in the exercise of our faith.

Lord, help us to bring our whole selves to the work to which you call us, so that we might truly be children of light for this world’s dark corners. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

Friends, what does the Spirit have to say to the church today? This: that our loving God desires every one of us to experience wholeness, peace, and well-being.

Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE no. 436 *God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us*

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

The children are then invited to depart for their Church School class.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Illuminating God, send your Holy Spirit to be our teacher as we hear the Word read and proclaimed this morning. Show us how to live. Inspire us to embrace your call to be disciples, both faithful and astute. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Amos 8:4-7

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 16:1-8

SERMON *"Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Shrewdly with Your God"*

Rev. Dr. Johanna McCune Wagner

❖ **HYMN** no. 174 *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Maureen's Haven

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

Who is like you, Lord? No one! Therefore, we give you thanks this morning! You are our inspiration to make this world a better, more loving, and more just place. You teach us so much. You invite us to become our best and most useful selves. May these gifts of ours honor you in this world by making justice and love happen. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

❖ **HYMN** no. 716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

❖ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

We welcome **Stacy Stanzione**, from Maureen's Haven, as our Minute for Stewardship and **Virginia Sassano** as our Worship Assistant this morning. Thanks to both of them for their service!

THE SESSION

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