

Welcome to the

Setauket Presbyterian Church

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



KICK OFF
Sunday
SEPTEMBER 10TH

Committee Fair ♦ Godly Play Demonstration ♦

♦ Youth Meet & Greet with Interim Christian Ed Director ♦

Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Order of Worship

September 10, 2023

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

GATHERING MUSIC *For the Beauty of the Earth* Paul Cardall (b. 1973)

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

My Soul Now Bless Thy Maker & Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
Johann Christoph Bach (1642-1703)

The Light Enters

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 149)

Sing to the Lord a new song;

praise God in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Let them praise the Lord's name with dancing,

and make melody to the Lord with tambourine and lyre.

For the Lord takes pleasure in the Lord's people;

God adorns the humble with victory.

OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 664** *Morning Has Broken*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From evil, even when it masquerades as good,

Merciful God, deliver us.

From selfishness and vain desires,

Merciful God, deliver us.

From irresponsible behaviors, quarreling, and jealousy,

Merciful God, deliver us.

From hurtful disagreements and irreconcilable differences,

Merciful God, deliver us.

From withheld forgiveness,

Merciful Lord, deliver us.

Lord, lead us into the abundant life Christ brings. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Laying aside the works of darkness, we live in the light of Christ. Gathered in Christ's name, we find him among us, full of grace and truth. Trusting in his forgiveness, we are lifted up into new life. **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!**

SUNG RESPONSE no. 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Awaken our hearts and minds to your Word, O God, and give us your understanding. We want to be able to do all that you would command us and to live as people of faith, hope, and love. Gathered in Christ's name, gathered around the Word, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Jonah 2:1-10

Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, saying, "I called to the Lord out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight; how shall I look again upon your holy temple?' The waters closed in over me; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped around my head at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the Pit, O Lord my God. As my life was ebbing away, I remembered the Lord; and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. Those who worship vain idols forsake their true loyalty. But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Deliverance belongs to the Lord!" Then the Lord spoke to the fish, and it spewed Jonah out upon the dry land.

SCRIPTURE READING Lamentations 3:19-24

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

ANTHEM *Lord, Be With Us On This Day* Jay Althouse (b. 1951)

*Lord, be with us on this day, and in Thy presence may we evermore adore Thee.
And Lord, be near and show Thy way, that we may follow in the path You choose.
Lord, be with us on this day, as with a humble heart we raise our mortal voices.
And Lord, let us not go astray, for we are ever filled with doubt and temptation.
Help us, O Lord, to love and understand all Thy ways both great and small.
Lead us this day, O Lord, we humbly pray, so that we may heed Thy call.
And Lord, be near and show Thy way, that we may follow in the path You choose.*

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Johanna McCune Wagner

❖ **HYMN no. 673** *Jesus, Light of Joy*

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**

**God of our salvation, we know what time it is — it’s time to wake from sleep and to turn from selfishness. Therefore, we now offer our time, talents, and resources to be used for your good purposes. Let them go out into the world with love — yours and ours.
Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN no. 649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

CHARGE and BENEDECTION

Let us lay aside the works of darkness
and put on the armor of light;
let us live honorably and at peace;
for the night is gone, and the day is near.

May the Creator who made the light,
the Christ who is the light,
and the Spirit who ignites the light within
abide with us and all creation now and always.

POSTLUDE

Fugue

Pachelbel