

Welcome to the

Setauket Presbyterian Church

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



Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

Order of Worship

July 23, 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

What does the Holy One require of us?

To be just, kind, and humble before God.

Give thanks to God with your whole heart.

Great are the works of the Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place.

Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened.

Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged.

Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort.

Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed.

Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

❖ **HYMN no. 667** *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith.

We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but

we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live

faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in

your way and lead us in faith, hope and love. Help us to be just, kind and humble, so

that we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Jesus said: Blessed are the merciful,

For they will receive mercy.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

SUNG RESPONSE no. 37 *Let All Things Now Living*

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

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 112:1-9

Praise ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed. Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever. Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous. A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion. Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord. His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies. He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:1-3

And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: and he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

SERMON *"It is Godly to Forgive"*

Rev. Dennis Farro

❖ **HYMN no. 731** *Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm*

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

❖ **DOXOLOGY (Traditional)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below: Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

❖ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE**

Creator, Liberator, and Redeemer God, we pray for the wisdom to be good stewards of the gifts you have given us. Take these gifts we pray, bless and use them to benefit others, and empower our work for justice in the church and in the world Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

❖ **HYMN no. 840** *When Peace like a River*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today's liturgy is adapted from the *Book of Common Worship*.

We welcome the **Rev. Dennis Farro** as Pulpit Supply, **Jane-Marie Wright** as our Worship Assistant and **Carole Huston** as our Organist this morning. Thanks to them all for their service!
