

Welcome to the

Setauket Presbyterian Church

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



Twenty-Third Sunday
After Pentecost

Order of Worship

October 23, 2022

❖ *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

Lord, we are here this morning to be saved –
from the scorn and hostility that permeate our society.

Lord, we are here this morning to humble ourselves
so that we might be lifted up into your presence.

Lord, tell us once again how much you love us
so that we don't need to judge others to feel good about ourselves.

Be our gentle friend and redeemer once more.

❖ **HYMN no. 15** *All Creatures of Our God and King* (verses 1, 2, 3 & 6)

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Merciful God, we are like the Pharisee in today's gospel: we don't easily learn what you are trying to teach us! For example, our fasting does not give us more compassion for the poor and hungry. Our tithing doesn't remind us that we are only returning what belongs to you. Our version of going up to the temple doesn't inspire us to wonder at your cosmic reach! Instead, we use these things to draw lines between ourselves and other people.

Help us, Lord, to rediscover the purpose of our spiritual practices so that they might do what they are supposed to do – draw us close to you and our neighbor. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Friends, God is not powerless in the face of our sinfulness; the Lord is not confused or like a mighty warrior who cannot provide us aid.

God knows exactly what to do to help us: God sends his merciful and loving Son to make faith, hope, and love possible for us.

Know that in Christ we are forgiven and be at peace.

Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE no. 183 *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler*

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, REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM and THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Apostles' Creed: Responsive

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, let this place of encounter and light, this temple, transform us. And may the words that we now hear and meditate upon, as well as the words we will later speak, be acceptable to you, our God and Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 14:8-9

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 18:9-14

SERMON

"The Quiet Virtues"

Rev. Dr. Johanna McCune Wagner

❖HYMN no. 819 *Be Still, My Soul*

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Michael Tucci

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

Holy and merciful God, you know the joy that is in us when we offer ourselves,
our time, and our possessions for the work you set before us. Use these gifts to
heal and teach, comfort and challenge, that all the world might feel this same joy.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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

❖CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

We welcome **Patricia Stein** as our Worship Assistant this morning.
Thanks to Patricia for this service!

Please extend a warm welcome to new member Meghan Kortmann. Meghan is
married to Chris who works IT and they are the proud parents of Caleb who is one
year's old and was baptized at SPC in June. Meghan is a graduate of Stony Brook
University and is the editor of Edible Long Island & Edible East End. We are
delighted that she is joining today.

THE STAFF

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