

Welcome to the
Setauket Presbyterian Church
of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Order of Worship

September 4, 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 gather today ready –

To study together,

To learn from God's word,

To be refreshed and gladdened by the stories of our faith.

Whatever would stand in the way of this time of meditation,

Let it go by the wayside now.

Lord, we are ready!

We are ready indeed!

❖ **HYMN** no. 385 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Lord, we confess this morning that we have at times turned your call to discipleship into a burden for ourselves and others, as if you had not told us that your yoke is easy and your heart, gentle and humble. We have cast you as unforgiving. We have portrayed you as merciless. We have damaged your name in this world...

A time for silent prayer.

Lord, teach us once again that you are not what we think a God should be like: you are just and loving, righteous and compassionate. We can trust you and welcome our neighbors openheartedly into your fold. In Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Friends, what does the Spirit have to say to the church today? This: that God is watching over us not to condemn us, but to protect and uphold us. Beloved, know that your sins are forgiven and your weaknesses, kindly understood; and be at peace. **Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE no. 774 *There is Now a New Creation*

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

Lord, we are about to take a journey together into your word. Let this journey be a happy one. Let it make us like trees planted by streams of water with leaves that do not wither and branches heavy with fruit. In your Son's name, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 1 (responsive)

SERMON "Cooing and Growling" Rev. Dr. Johanna McCune Wagner

❖ **HYMN no. 457** *How Happy Are the Saints of God*

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

We give you thanks this day for the goodness and love that you have shown us in Christ and pray your blessing upon these gifts. May they show others your love and kindness; may they honor your name; may they be a source of happiness. 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.539 *We Will Go Out with Joy*

❖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.

POSTLUDE

We welcome **Patricia Stein** as our Worship Assistant this morning.

Thanks to Patricia for this service!

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