

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



4th Sunday After Epiphany

Order of Worship

January 28, 2024

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

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 111)

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright,
in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord,
and studied by all who delight in them.

The works of God's hands are faithful and just;
all the Lord's precepts are trustworthy.

They are established forever,
to be performed with faithfulness by the faithful.

OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 15** *All Creatures of Our God and King* (verses 1-4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and all-powerful God, who commands the spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we do not do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. We do not see your face in the face of others. Forgive us, Lord, lead us and make us new. Remove our desire to heed false prophets and show us your way. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

The God who made us and knows our every thought hears us now and forgives us. We have been redeemed through Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Savior, who is the Alpha and the Omega, all in all.

SUNG RESPONSE no. 755 *Alleluia! Laud and Blessing*

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

This is the Word of the Lord. The Lord has invited everyone to hear it. There is no one so strong and good that they don't need this Word. There is no one so weak and broken that they don't deserve this Word. We may think of ourselves as disqualified or overqualified. But Jesus doesn't think so. Come. There is a seat for us here and a Word called Grace.

Lord, may the thoughts of our minds and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

ANTHEM *A Time for All Things*

Douglas E. Wagner

Text based on Ecclesiastes/Music based on a Scottish Folk Tune

To ev'rything there is a season: there is a time for all good things.

A time to plant and a time to reap,

A time to lose and a time to keep;

A time to weep, a time to laugh,

A time to mourn, a time to dance.

To ev'rything there is a season: there is a time for all good things,

A time to follow, a time to lead,

A time to speak and a time to heed.

A time to sleep, a time to wake,

A time to give and a time to take.

For all the blessings of our God are given us that we might have a time to live and a time to share, a time to love and a time to care.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Johanna McCune Wagner

❖ **HYMN no. 753** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* (verses 1, 2 & 4)

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**

For the earth, which you have molded, for creatures and animals, plants, water, air, and fire, for Jesus who died and rose again, for the breath of life, we give you thanks, O God. Let these gifts be used for good wherever there is need, in the name of all that you have given us, especially Christ Jesus, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

❖ **HYMN no. 612** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

❖ **CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

Go out from this place to a world fully known by God.

Where there is fear,

remember the authority of Christ Jesus.

Where there is need of love,

give it.

Where there is pain,

bring peace.

For you are loved by the One who redeems,

and freed to live by the Word of life.

Beloved people, know that we are blessed with the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, now and always. Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Today's liturgy is adapted from *Connections Worship Companion: Year B, Volume 1 and Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 1*.

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We welcome our Worship Assistant this morning. Thanks to them for their service!
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