

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

Let us begin

*Lent*



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

# *Order of Worship*

February 18, 2024

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

## GATHERING MUSIC

## RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Trio in A Major* Joseph Rheinberger

## CALL TO WORSHIP

From Abraham and Sarah to Jesus:

**God's covenant continues;  
God's kingdom draws near.**

On stone and in hearts:

**God's covenant continues;  
God's kingdom draws near.**

From creation to cross:

**God's covenant continues;  
God's kingdom draws near.**

Let us worship our covenant God,  
**and be empowered to work together for God's kingdom.**

## OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 65** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season with a confession. We do not live according to your ways. We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice, and use power to our own advantage. Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than the ones you set before us. Teach us your commandments. Help us to turn from evil in its many guises. Set our course for your kingdom. In covenantal love, remember us, we pray, and be for us, once more and always, an ark of safety and new life. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

As Noah and his family were brought safely through the flood, we are brought from death into new life in Christ. Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand of God, forgives us and reconciles us and all things in heaven and on earth. Know this, and give thanks to God for this good news!

**SUNG RESPONSE no. 187** *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us (verses 1-3)*

**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**

**Gracious God, amid pouring rain and in the dry wilderness, in every season and circumstance, we need your sustaining word. By the power of your Holy Spirit, proclaim the good news of God's love among us today so that we may find our way back to you and your just and loving paths; in Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

**ANTHEM** *Mercy Still* Nicole Elsey, arr. Heather Sorenson  
Words by Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

*Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy still reserved for me?*

*Can my God His wrath forbear me, the chief of sinners spare?*

*I have long withstood His grace; long provoked Him to His face,*

*Would not listen to His calls. I have grieved Him by a thousand falls.*

*Is there mercy still? Is there mercy still?*

*Is there mercy still for me?*

*I my Master have denied. I again have crucified and profaned His hallowed name;*

*put Him to an open shame. There for me the Savior stands; shows His wounds and spreads His hands.*

*God is love! I know, I feel. Oh, Jesus weeps and loves me still, loves me still!*

*Now incline me to repent. Let me now my sins lament; live in grace and be restored; weep, believe, and sin no more.*

*Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy still reserved for me?*

*God is love! I know, I feel. Oh, Jesus weeps and loves me still, loves me still!*

*Is there mercy still? Is there mercy still?*

*There is mercy still.*

*Yes, there's mercy still.*

*There is mercy still for me.*

## **SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Johanna McCune Wagner

❖ **HYMN no. 816** *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee*

## **CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *Liturgical Prelude II*

George Oldroyd

❖ **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 steadfast love and faithfulness, receive, we ask, these offerings, and use them for your own good purposes in the church and in the community outside these doors. And keep us ever mindful of others as we try to do what is right and to walk in your good and loving ways. All this we pray in the name of the Way, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

❖ **HYMN no. 741** *Guide My Feet*

❖ **CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

Let us seek the ways of God!

Let us be people of faith, hope, and love!

**Amen.**

The blessing of God, who loves the world;  
the blessing of Jesus, who teaches us to love one another;  
and the blessing of the Holy Spirit, our Gentle Comforter,  
be with you and all people.

**Amen.**

**POSTLUDE** *The Glory of These Forty Days*

arr. Robert Powell

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

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