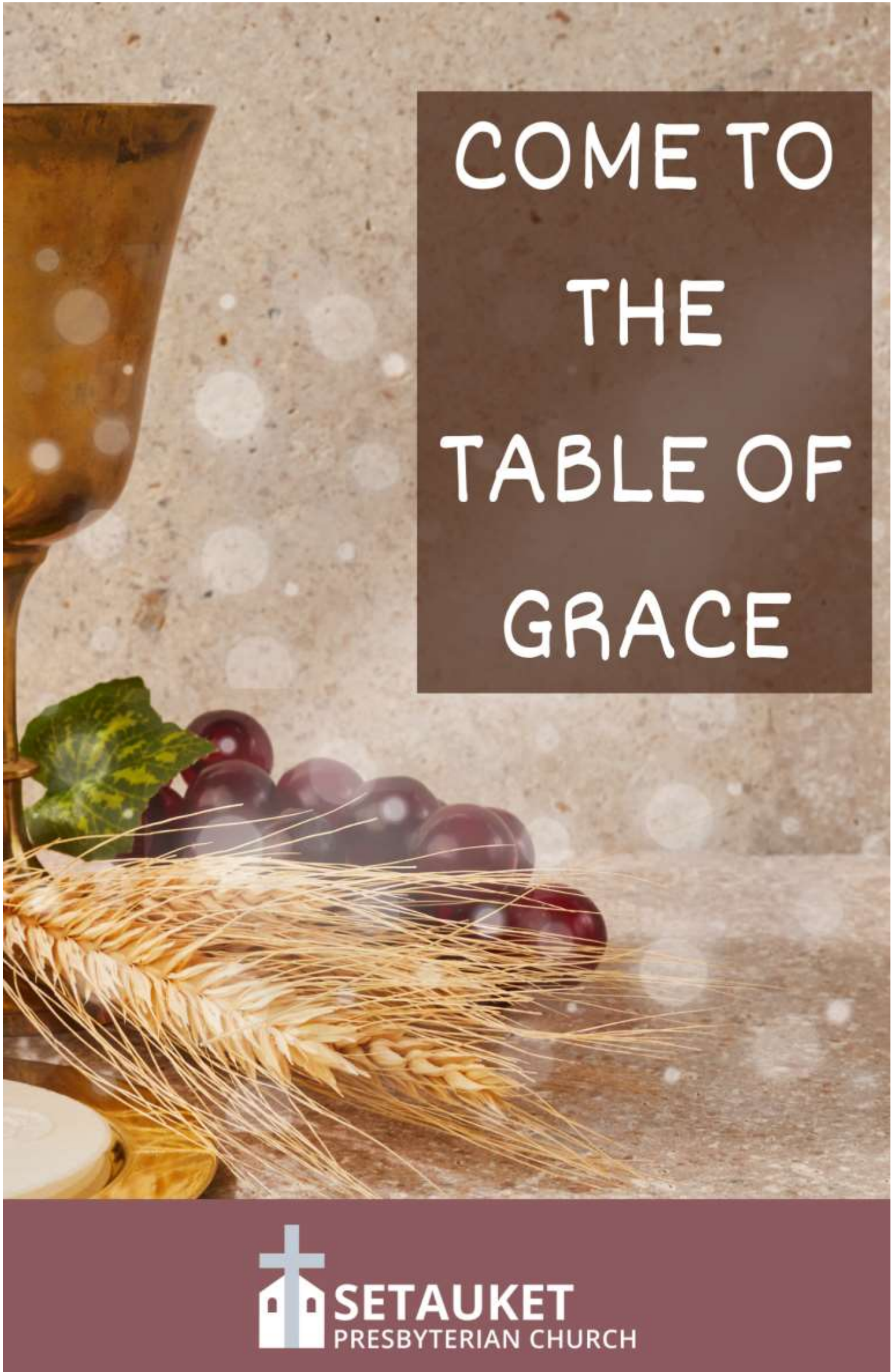


Welcome to the

Setauket Presbyterian Church

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



3rd Sunday in Lent

Order of Worship

March 3, 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 107)

O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Some wandered in desert wastes,
hungry and thirsty,
their souls faint within them.

The Lord delivered them from their distress.

Some sat in darkness and gloom,
prisoners in misery and in irons.

The Lord broke their bonds asunder.

Some found themselves tossed about
by the world's mighty waters;
their courage melted away.

**The Lord stilled the storm
and the sea's waves were hushed.**

O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 643** *Now Thank We All Our God*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you, turning aside from your way. We have been misled by pride, we have been distracted by this world's glittering things, we have forgotten our history with you: all the ways you have entered into our lives to feed, restore, protect, and rejoice us. Forgive us our wayward ways, O God. Return to us our memories of your many tender mercies, not the least of which is Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE no. 802 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is (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.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, our way through the wilderness, and our light in the darkness, guide us, by your Word, through these forty days, so that we might learn the things you would have us learn, and remember the things you would have us remember about our life with you. You are with us, indeed! Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

ANTHEM *The Lord is my Shepherd (Psalm 23)* Vince Ambrosetti

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Within verdant pastures, He leads me to rest; beside the quiet waters, He refreshes my soul.

Along every journey, He shall guide all my steps; in even dark valleys, He remains at my side.

Anointed with chrism, my cup overflows; and in His own dwelling, I will live all my years.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Johanna McCune Wagner

❖ **HYMN no. 494** *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

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

God of compassion, we are overwhelmed by your love, which goes to the cross for us, endures the grave, and leads us to new life. By your Spirit, strengthen our souls to be brave in Christ's service and remind us always to find our hope in you, our Shepherd King. Take our offerings, and use them and us for your purposes, in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Ours is an open table. Visitors and children are welcome to partake of the Lord's Supper. Please note that all shared Communion bread or crackers are gluten free, and all "wine" is grape juice.

Invitation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Great Thanksgiving

sung response:

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Words of Institution

sung response:

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

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Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

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

O Lord our God, we give you thanks for the bread of heaven we have shared, a generous gift of your abundant grace. Teach us to share our bread, so that all may have enough for each day and enjoy the fullness of life you offer; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

❖HYMN no. 548 *May God Support You All Your Days*

❖CHARGE and BENEDICTION

We say and sing 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.

La bendición de Dios de Sar’ Agar y Abram;

La bendición del hijo que de María nació;

La bendición del Santo Espiritu de’amor

Que vela por nosotros, cual madre por sus hijos,

Descienda sobre todos, Amen.

POSTLUDE

Today’s liturgy is adapted from *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 1, the Book of Common Worship (2018)* and *Connections Worship Companion, Year B, Volume 1.*

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We welcome **Joellen McNamara** as our Worship Assistant this morning. Thanks to Joellen for her service!
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