

*Welcome to the*

# **Setauket Presbyterian Church**

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



**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**



# *Order of Worship*

February 4, 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

Have we not known? Have we not heard?

**Has it not been told to us since the beginning?**

Those who hope in the Lord shall renew their strength;

**they shall mount up with wings like eagles;**

they shall run and not be weary;

**they shall walk and not faint.**

## OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 12** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is. Your understanding is beyond measure.**

**You are the Alpha and the Omega, the one who names and shepherds the stars.**

**How sad that we forget all this! How sad that we put idols in your place! Forgive us, Lord, and teach us once again to place our faith and hope in you. In Jesus' name, we pray.**

**Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Praise the Lord! Our God heals our broken hearts and binds up our self-inflicted wounds.

Know that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and can be at peace. And may the people say,

**Amen.**

**SUNG RESPONSE no. 824** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

## 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

**Holy God, speak to us what has been told from the beginning, your Word that is the foundation of the world. Help us to understand what truly heals, and what it means to trust in you. We would serve only you, Lord! Let it be so. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**    Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

## **ANTHEM**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**    Mark 1:29-31

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

## **SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Johanna McCune Wagner

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

We celebrate today with Matthew Thomas Aicher and his parents, Matthew Robert Aicher and Cathryn Elizabeth Aicher

### **❖The Apostles' Creed (traditional)**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **❖HYMN no. 486** *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

## **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

We sing to you, God, with thanksgiving, making melody to you with our praise. We work with you, God, with thanksgiving, trusting that you have given us gifts for this service. We pray for your world, God, with thanksgiving, for you have given us hearts of flesh, not stone.

Lord, use these gifts to spread your gospel near and far, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. 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.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)  
B<sup>b</sup> C Dm B<sup>b</sup> F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

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. 331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand***

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