

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



2nd Sunday After Epiphany

Order of Worship

January 14, 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 139)

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord,
you know it completely.**

This is how close you are to me –
let me draw close to you, too!

OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 409** *God Is Here!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have been impatient with others, suspicious, judgmental, and fearful. We have failed our neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Therefore, we ask for you to give us ears to hear your wisdom and the honesty to admit and explore our doubts about you. Lead us, Lord, this morning to greater trust in you and love for one another. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

God knows the hearts of those who seek forgiveness and saves us by grace. In Jesus' name we are forgiven. Our sins are no more. We can step out into the world with faith and love. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE no. 686 *God of Our Life*

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

By your Holy Spirit, O God, open our ears, our eyes, our hearts, and our minds to the Holy Word so that it might shape our attitudes, our characters, our approach to life, our very selves. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

ANTHEM *Show Me, Teach Me, Lead Me*

Nancy M. Raabe

Show me your ways, teach me your paths,
Lead me beside the still streams;
Waking or sleeping, be my guide,
Walk with me through my dreams.

Speak through me, Lord, sing me your truth, hold me as I proclaim your song of old and a grace untold, the wonders of your name.

Help us to do the things we should,
To be to others kind and good in all we do,
In work or play, to grow more loving every day.

Father, we thank you for the night, and for the pleasant morning light, for rest and food and loving care, and all that makes our world so fair.

Show us your ways, O Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw

you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Johanna McCune Wagner

❖ **HYMN no. 301** *Let Us Build a House* (verses 1, 2, 4 & 5)

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**

Bless in every way, O Lord, these gifts. Strengthen the ministries of this church and use them to break down the walls that divide us. Make us grateful for the work to which you have called us. Make us your loving, kind, just people. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

❖ **HYMN no. 69** *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

❖ **CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

Come and see. God’s call to us is not coercive or demanding. It is a simple invitation to have our eyes, our ears, our hearts, and our minds open to look for God’s presence in our world.

So – let us go out from this place to live lives of invitation.

**Let us go and be people who welcome others,
so that they may hear God’s invitation for themselves.**

God is calling us.

Let us answer the call. Amen.

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!

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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