

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



3rd Sunday After Epiphany

Order of Worship

January 21, 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

Nets and fishes,
work and worries,
occupy our days.

You call us: "Follow me."

Safety and comfort,
a life well-established,
you ask us to leave.

You call us: "Follow me."

You say –

"The time is fulfilled,
God's reign is near.

Repent and believe the good news!"

Lord, help us to do this following, repenting, and believing!

OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 463** *How Firm a Foundation* (verses 1-3 and 5)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, we repent of all the ways we turn from you. You call, but we do not listen; you show us your path, but we prefer our own way. You send your Son into the world as a sign for us of your great love and power, but we do not trust in him enough to leave what we need to leave behind in order to follow him. Lord, this morning we pray that you will heal us, increase our faith, and show us your Son's face once again, so that we might live bold lives full of good news for all the people. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

This is the word of the Lord: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and have received new life. Be bold, be just, be loving!

SUNG RESPONSE no. 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

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

Speak your word, O God, this morning so that we may sense what it was to encounter Jesus in the flesh and to be carried away by his power, charisma, and love. We too want hear Jesus' call this morning! We too want to know how to drop our nets and leave our pasts behind for the new thing you are doing in Christ! Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Jonah 3:1-5 and 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

ANTHEM *How Beautiful - Twila Paris (arr. Lloyd Larson)*

How beautiful the hands that served the wine and bread and the children of earth.

How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.

How beautiful is the body of Christ.

How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead.

How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise.

How beautiful is the body of Christ.

And as he laid down his life we offer this sacrifice that we may live just as he died

Willing to pay the price.

How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King.

How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and bread and the children of earth.

How beautiful...

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Johanna McCune Wagner

❖ **HYMN no. 733** *We All Are One in Mission*

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**

Merciful God, you call us for a purpose – to spread your gospel, to gather your people, to love and serve the neighbor – and you equip us to do these things through your Son, our Savior, who is as inspiring today as he was all those years ago in Galilee. Thank you for the encouragement, strength, and selflessness we have found in him! We dedicate these gifts to you. May they do your kingdom work. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

❖ **HYMN no. 70** *What Does the Lord Require of You?* (sung as a round)

❖ **CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

Drop everything you are doing
and follow Jesus!

Believe the good news!

The kingdom of God is near!

Thanks be to God! 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! 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.

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