

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



2nd Sunday in Lent

Order of Worship

February 25, 2024

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

GATHERING MUSIC *Arioso in the Ancient Style* James Rogers

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

We stand as a witness to future generations:

God hears us when we cry out!

All the ends of the earth shall remember:

God does not turn from us!

We shall live for God,

and proclaim God's glory to all the earth!

OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 543** *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you are everywhere around us – in the roaring of the seas, in the wind moving through the trees, in the beauty of a beloved face, in the kindness of a true friend. Yet we do not always notice you. Instead, we act as if we are on our own in the world. We don't pray as we ought to. We don't seek your face. We don't trust you enough to say – do not forsake me! Forgive our passivity and faithlessness, O Lord. Grant to us a bold faith. Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Hear the good news: God raised Jesus from the dead to teach us once and for all that God is with us and for us. Do not fear for any reason! Know that we are forgiven in Jesus' name and be at peace.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE no. 39 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

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 to us now, O Lord. Guide us by your Word and Spirit. Open our hearts and minds to understand and follow you. Empower us during these forty days of Lent to live into your ways in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 27:1-6

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

ANTHEM *I Hunger and Thirst for You* David Kauffman and William Gokelman
Words from Psalm 63

I hunger and thirst for you, Oh Lord, come fill my soul.

When I'm found in your presence, Lord, my flesh and bones take rest.

My soul is touched with a love I trust completely.

I will bless you forever, Lord as long as I live.

You understand so I lift my hands and call upon your name.

I hunger and thirst for you, Oh Lord, come fill my soul.

I will bless you forever, Lord as long as I live.

You understand so I lift my hands and call upon your name.

Holding me warm under wing, I will sing for joy.

I will sing to you, I will cling to you, your love is better than life.

I hunger and thirst for you, Oh Lord, come fill my soul.

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 27:7-14

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up. Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

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

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Ayre*

Thomas Arne

❖ **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**

Almighty God, we thank you for the glimpse we have caught today of your face, and for your abiding love for all people. Accept these offerings along with the dedication of our lives. May they be the means by which someone will experience your goodness in the land of the living! O Lord, we would serve you with gratitude in our hearts, and make this prayer now in Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

❖ **HYMN no. 305** *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

❖ **CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

Here is what our hearts have to say to us today:

Disciples of Jesus, do not fear.

Disciples of Jesus, seek.

Disciples of Jesus, believe.

Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace.

Amen.

POSTLUDE *Postlude on Darwall*

arr. Alice Jordan

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

We welcome our Worship Assistant, **Roxanne Kiefer Mollo** this morning and our organist,
Carole Huston. Thank you for your service!
