

Welcome to the

Setauket Presbyterian Church

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



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

Order of Worship

October 4, 2026

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

Kindly sign the friendship pad near you and pass it down the pew!

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Salut D'amour

Edward Elgar

CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen, people of God! **Hear the wonders of our Creator!**

God split the sea; **walls of water towered above.**

God guided our ancestors in faith: **clouds by day, lightning by night.**

God split open the rock; **water flowed like rivers.**

God split open the heavens and met earth. **God meets us still.**

OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 664** *Morning Has Broken*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess to you: we are not of the same mind. We do not share the same love. We act in selfish ambition and do not regard others as better than ourselves. We have not looked to the interests of others instead of ourselves. We do not embrace the humility of Jesus Christ. Forgive us. Continue to be at work in us, that we might serve each other as you served us, and reflect your glory in this world.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

When we lift up our souls to God, God does not put us to shame. God forgives us, leads us in the truth, and leads us in what is right.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE no. 584 *Gloria*

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

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 3:1-7

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

ANTHEM *Thy Word* Michael E. Smith arr. Lloyd Larson

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 21:23–27

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things."

SERMON Rev. Candace Whitman

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *Secondo, Tibi omnes Angeli* Giovanni Battista Fasolo

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Confession of 1967)

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes man's natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that his purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY	<i>Melodie</i>	Antonin Dvorak
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◆ 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

**Merciful and gracious God, you abound in steadfast love and faithfulness.
Bless these gifts and bless our lives that together we may share your mercy and grace
for the world you dearly love. 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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Hymn no. 525 Let Us Break Bread Together
Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us drink wine...
let us break bread together on our knees. Let us praise God...
When I fall on my knees, with
my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Hymn no. 507 Come to the Table of Grace
Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of ...
Come to the table of grace. ...peace...
This is God’s table; ...love...
it’s not yours or mine. ...hope...
Come to the table of grace. ...joy

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

◆CHARGE and BENEDICTION

**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 *Widmung* Robert Schumann

Please keep the right-side aisle clear until musical instruments for the 11AM service have been carried up to the front. Thank you!

Today's liturgy is drawn from the PCUSA Call to Worship Journal (online).

Special thanks to cellist **Jon Kim**, joining us today from Vision Possible. We're thankful for the beautiful music!