

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



**Transfiguration Sunday**

# *Order of Worship*

February 15, 2025

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

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

## GATHERING MUSIC

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTROIT

*Glory Be to Jesus*

Newman W. Powell

### CALL TO WORSHIP

On Glory's mountaintops of  
Wonder and delight, we wait;

**For God's amazing grace**

**To transform our shadowed lives.**

In the valley of everyday life,

Where noise overwhelms us, we wait:

**For the voice of the one we must listen to;**

**For glimpses of the light of hope.**

In the devouring fire of fear,

In the mist of misguided living, we wait;

**For the one who comes in holiness,**

**To lead us down paths of humility.**

Let us worship God!

### OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 193** *Jesus, Take us to the Mountain (verses 1, 3, 5)*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Magnificent God, we cannot stand before the glory of your presence. You shine with divine light, and we are overwhelmed by your goodness. Lift us in your mercy, release us from our fear, and fill us with your Spirit, that we might reflect your light in all we say and do, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Children of God,

hear the good news:

We are forgiven, again and again,  
by this glorious God.

**What a wonder! Alleluia!**

**SUNG RESPONSE no. 584** *Glory, Glory, Glory*

## 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

**Oh God who speaks, allow us to hear your Word this day, and live as faithful disciples and be your covenant people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 2

Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and his anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens laughs; the LORD has them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath and terrify them in his fury, saying, "I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill." I will tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear; with trembling kiss his feet, or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Happy are all who take refuge in him.

### ANTHEM

*Gathered In The Love Of Christ*

Marty Haugen

### SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 17:1–9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

### SERMON

Rev. Candace Whitman

### ❖ HYMN no. 744 *Arise, Your Light is Come*

### CALL TO OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*F Major*

Johann Erasmus Kindermann

### ❖ 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!

## ❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

God of glory, as people brought gifts to the infant Jesus, we bring our gifts to you. May these gifts be used to lift up those who are oppressed, to bring deliverance to those who are in need, to support those who are poor, and to help those who are in trouble. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Lord's Prayer can be found on page 35 of the red hymnal*

### ❖ HYMN no. 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

### ❖ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

Graham Kendrick arr. Mark Hayes

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