

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



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Order of Worship

February 8, 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

Abide with Me! Fast Falls the Eventide

Sigvart A. Hofland

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Alma Redemptoris Mater op.45, no.5

Marcel Dupré

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are salt for the earth.

We are a light for the world.

Just as no one hides a lamp away,

we will offer the world what only we can give.

In shining our lights, we will remember:

We are not the only ones with vital wisdom.

Grateful for mutual enlightenment,

we will not drown out another's beam with ours.

OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 619** *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven (verses 1, 2, 3)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient God, it is so easy for us to miss the point. We know how to perform righteousness; we go to church, we donate, we volunteer, but we care more about how we are seen than our faithfulness to you. We show off our piousness, instead of actually sharing our food, our homes, our resources with those in the most need. Have mercy on us for the ways we serve ourselves, and teach us your way, the way that leads to justice and peace.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Beloved, hear the good news:

When we cry for help, God says, "Here I am!"

When we ask for mercy,

God grants it freely, longing for a closer walk with us.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

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

God of shining splendor, your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder. Overshadow us with your Spirit so that we may hear your Word and live as faithful disciples and covenant people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 58:1–9a

Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

ANTHEM

Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates

Thomas Williams

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:13–20

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

SERMON

Gilbert Rahme

❖ HYMN no. 757 *Today We All are Called to Be Disciples* (verses 1, 4)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Frozen Lake

Quinn Nenninger composer and pianist

❖ 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. 314 *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* (1, 2, 5)

❖ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *My Good Lord's Done Been Here* Traditional Spiritual Arr. Moses Hogan
Liam Butchart Soloist

Today's liturgy and prayers are drawn from PCUSA online resources.

We'd like to thank **Quinn Nenninger** and **Liam Butchart** for blessing us with their musical talents today!



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