

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



**Second Sunday of Lent**

# Order of Worship

March 1, 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

*Pange Lingua (Tantum Ergo op.45, no.3)*

Marcel Dupre

## RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INTROIT

*E Flat Major*

Don Luis Milan

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord God keeps us, saves us, and protects us in times of trouble.

**Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Even when fear strikes us, we know that we are safe,  
for we belong to God.

**We shall never be shaken or moved, for we are shadowed by God's almighty hand.**

**We lift our voices together in thanks and praise.**

Let us worship God!

## OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 49**      *The God of Abraham Praise (verses 1, 2, 4)*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Teacher, you call us to go, following the plan that you have set out for us. You promise us blessings and purpose, but we do not heed your words. We cling to what we already know, we trust in what we can see and touch, we turn away when we would face the unknown. Call to us again, that we may be born again through your Spirit. Help us to believe and give us the abundant life that comes from following your will.

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. **Thanks be to God. We will bear witness to God's saving grace with our lives.**

**SUNG RESPONSE no. 581**      *Glory Be to the Father*

## 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

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us by your Word through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 12:1-4a

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

## ANTHEM

*Living Bread*

Gilbert M. Martin

## SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:1-5

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit."

## SERMON

Rev. Candace Whitman

❖ **HYMN no. 509** *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.21

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

## CALL TO OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

*Prayer No.1*

Cesar Franck

❖ **DOXOLOGY no. 607**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

❖ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE**

God of grace, you have gifted us with life in Christ. Today we bring the gifts of our work and the gifts of our hearts. May all that we bring and all that we are be your means of grace in the world, that all people may encounter your good news. 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.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)  
B<sup>b</sup> C Dm B<sup>b</sup> F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

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 break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with

my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine...

Let us praise God...

#### Hymn no. 507 Come to the Table of Grace

Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table;

it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of ...

...peace...

...love...

...hope...

...joy...

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

❖HYMN no. 314      *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness (1, 2, 5)*

❖CHARGE and BENECTION

*We say and sing these words together with our siblings in Christ in San Antonio de los Baños, Cuba*

**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**

*A Major*

Melchior Schildt

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

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in honor of Dick Russell.*

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