

Welcome to the

Setauket Presbyterian Church

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



Fifth Sunday in Lent

Order of Worship

March 22, 2026

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

GATHERING MUSIC

E minor

Fr. Walczynski

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho

African American Spiritual
SPC Children's Bell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

As children of God, we dwell in the Spirit, and the Spirit dwells in us.

We are alive in the Spirit through the righteousness of God.

In humility and faith, we come to worship the One who gives us life, hope, and healing.

God has brought us to this moment and will guide us still. Praise the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 612** *We Praise You, O God*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of resurrection, we know the power of death. We have seen its works, we have felt its sting. We have been to the valley of despair, and felt like there was no chance for life.

We do not always believe in your power to resurrect. We do not always believe in your power to redeem our pain, and how you seek to fashion something beautiful in this world. Forgive us. We cry from the depths— however faint our call may be, we pray you hear our voice.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Thus says the Lord, you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.

We believe the good news! Thanks be to God.

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 John 11:1-27 (*see insert*)

ANTHEM

Hear My Words

Stephen Paulus

SCRIPTURE READING John 11: 28-44 (*see insert*)

SERMON

Rev. Candace Whitman

❖ **HYMN no. 443** *There is a Redeemer* (Refrain: *Thank you, O Creator...*)

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION (from a portion of the Confession of 1967, 9.31)
To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

CONGREGATIONAL UNISON PRAYER OF COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT
God of grace, who called us to common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us, so that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world, through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Prelude* Johann Kaspar Ferdinand Fischer

❖ **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.

❖ **HYMN no. 300** *We are One in the Spirit*

❖ **CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love* Arr. Mark Hayes

Today's liturgy and prayers are drawn from the PCUSA "Call to Worship Journal."



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