

Welcome to the

Setauket Presbyterian Church

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



✦ **HE IS RISEN** ✦

Easter Sunday

Order of Worship

March 31, 2024 | 9:30AM

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

GATHERING MUSIC *Ave Verum Corpus* W.A. Mozart
Eric Huckins, horn; Noby Ishida, organ

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Were You There?* African-American Spiritual
Gergana Haralampieva and Sofiya Levchenko, violins
Lukas Shrout, viola; Sameer Apte, cello; Noby Ishida, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 245** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

SUNG RESPONSE no. 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

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.*

INTERLUDE *Sinfonia from The Easter Oratorio* J.S. Bach
Gergana Haralampieva and Sofiya Levchenko, violins
Lukas Shrout, viola; Sameer Apte, cello; Noby Ishida, piano

Open our eyes and soften our hearts, O God, through the work of your Holy Spirit, that in the hearing of your Word we may receive new life. Amen.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

*Rejoice and sing this Easter Day! Rejoice!
For Christ has risen from the grave! I say, rejoice!*

Rejoice, alleluia!
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!

*Rejoice and sing this Easter Day! Rejoice!
For Christ has risen from the grave! I say, rejoice!*

*Rejoice the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing triumphant evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

❖HYMN no. 238 *Thine Is the Glory*

OFFERTORY *The Holy City* Stephan Adams
Gergana Haralampieva and Sofiya Levchenko, violins
Lukas Shrout, viola; Sameer Apte, cello

**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 OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Holy God, you shower us with gifts so abundant, we cannot measure them all. You give us life itself and the power to love even when it is hard. Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

❖HYMN no. 232 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

❖CHARGE and BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *With Grateful Hearts* From BWV 4 *Christ lag in Todesbanden*
J.S. Bach

SPC Choir
Gergana Haralampieva and Sofiya Levchenko, violins
Lukas Shrout, viola; Sameer Apte, cello

<i>With grateful hearts we all are met</i>	<i>Christ Himself the feast hath spread,</i>
<i>To eat the bread of gladness.</i>	<i>By Him the hungry soul is fed,</i>
<i>The ancient leaven now forget,</i>	<i>And He alone can feed us.</i>
<i>And every thought of sadness.</i>	<i>Hallelujah!</i>

POSTLUDE *Easter Alleluia* Gary Lanier
Eric Huckins, horn; Noby Ishida, piano

Today’s liturgy is adapted from *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 1, the Book of Common Worship* (2018) and *Connections Worship Companion, Year B, Volume 1*.

Thank you to our Worship Assistant and all our talented musicians!