

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



Third Sunday in Lent

Order of Worship

March 8, 2026

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

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Lamb of God, We Fall Before Thee* Henry J. Markworth

CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

We have come to give thanks and to sing songs of praise!

We are the people of God's pasture; we trust that God will bring us through the wilderness.

We seek God's living water and praise God's holy name!

OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 41** *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above (1, 3, 5)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, friend of all, once again, we come to you knowing our words have stung, our actions have harmed, and our indifference has let evil have its day. Our hearts yearn for you, our souls thirst for you, yet we do not imitate you in our lives. We scorn those who are different from us, and relish our own comfort. Once again, forgive us, O God. Give us your living water, that we might tell the world all you have done for us.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

We know that God is with us even in our sufferings, for suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, character produces hope, **and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts. 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 Exodus 17:1–7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people

complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

ANTHEM

Steal Away

Traditional

SCRIPTURE READING John 4:5-14

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

SERMON

Rev. Candace Whitman

❖ **HYMN no. 722** *Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak (1, 2, 3)*

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

❖ **THE APOSTLES' CREED (traditional)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

❖ 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! Alleluia!

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Gracious God, we stand amazed at your many tender mercies towards us. Thank you for your care for us, and thank you for the company of saints to whom we are joined. Thank you for giving us your work to do on earth. Thank you for giving us the courage to do this work with clear eyes and soft hearts! This morning we offer back to you a portion of all that we have received in the hopes that it will help change what needs to be changed. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

❖ HYMN no. 725 *O Jesus, I Have Promised (1, 2, 3)*

❖ CHARGE and BENEDECTION

POSTLUDE *My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker/ Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
Johann Christian Bach

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