

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



Second Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

April 12, 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

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME

INTROIT

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Richard Wienhorst

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed!

We have not seen the risen Christ,

But we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.

We have not seen Jesus face to face,

But we have seen him in the faces of everyone whose love encourages us.

We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

But we have been called to bring healing to the scarred of the world.

OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 248** *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of forgiveness, we experience your presence, but are quick to judge those who do not believe as we do. You offer us eternal life, we rush by you on our way to other gods. You bestow upon us the gift of your companionship, but we fail to trust you in our challenges. Forgive us and help us to understand ourselves, so that we might understand others, and have your compassion for all your children in this hurting, doubting world.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us. **Thanks be to God for such a hope. Alleluia!**

SUNG RESPONSE no. 584 *Gloria*

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

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

ANTHEM

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Donald Fishel

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON

Rev. Candace Whitman

❖HYMN no. 353 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (verses 1, 2)*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.26*

Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.

IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *We Thank Thee, Jesus, Dearest Friend* Johann Gottfried Walther

❖ 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

Great God, with gratitude we bring these offerings to you. Bless us and our gifts,
that our lives and our resources may be a source of healing and hope,
of joy and justice in our world. 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^b C Dm B^b 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

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

❖HYMN no. 526 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

❖CHARGE and BENEDICTION

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 *My Inmost Heart Now Raises* Johann Christoph Bach

Today's liturgy is drawn from the writings of the Rev. Thom M. Shuman, the PCUSA Call to Worship Journal (online), and the PCUSA 1993 *Book of Common Worship*.

