

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



**3rd Sunday of Easter**

# *Order of Worship*

April 14, 2024

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

## GATHERING MUSIC

## RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INTROIT

### CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 118)

The bread of life opens our eyes.

**The word of life opens our ears.**

The risen one shows us God's heart –

**that God's word to us is always "yes!"**

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

## OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 249**      *Because You Live, O Christ*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Good and gracious God, we don't always understand what you want for us and this world. We are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation! We don't give as you have given to us. We don't welcome as you have welcomed us. We judge where you would have us love. O God, raise us again to the life you intend for us. We ask this as your children, both holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

In the name of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, our plea for new life and a new heart has been heard! God's promises are sure: our sins are forgiven. Peace be upon all of us on this place.

**Amen.**

**SUNG RESPONSE no. 282**      *Come Down, O Love Divine*

### 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.*

## TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Holy God, by your Spirit reveal your radical, surprising, and all-encompassing love; come to us through your holy word, and let us hear what you are saying. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24: 36-49

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

### ANTHEM *Come, Sing Unto the Lord* Words and Music by Joseph M. Martin, based on Psalm 96

*Come, sing unto the Lord, sing a song of joy, a grateful hymn of praise;  
and let his glory fill the earth, let ev'ry voice be raised.*

*O sing unto the Lord, let the earth respond, his awesome deeds proclaim.  
Declare his works to ev'ryone and praise his holy name.*

*All oceans, hills, and trees reply: "Let his praise be lifted high.  
Let the valleys now be raised and ev'ry mountain shout his awesome praise."*

*Come, sing unto the Lord, let the song go forth, all nations join as one.  
Ascribe to God, the Lord of hosts, the wonders he has done.  
Come, sing unto the Lord a song of joy, his love for endless days,  
and celebrate the one true God who's worthy of our praise.*

*Sing unto the Lord, sing to the Lord!*

### SERMON

Rev. Dr. Johanna McCune Wagner

❖HYMN no. 754 *Help Us Accept Each Other*

### INSTALLATION OF DEACON ELENA GROSSMAN

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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.**

## **CALL TO OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY**

#### **❖ 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**

**Lord God, we offer to you only a portion of what you have given us. But what we give – we give cheerfully and in the hope that it will make a better world for someone. Lord, deal graciously with these gifts so that others may have joy; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **❖ HYMN no. 19     *God of Great and God of Small***

#### **❖ CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

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

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