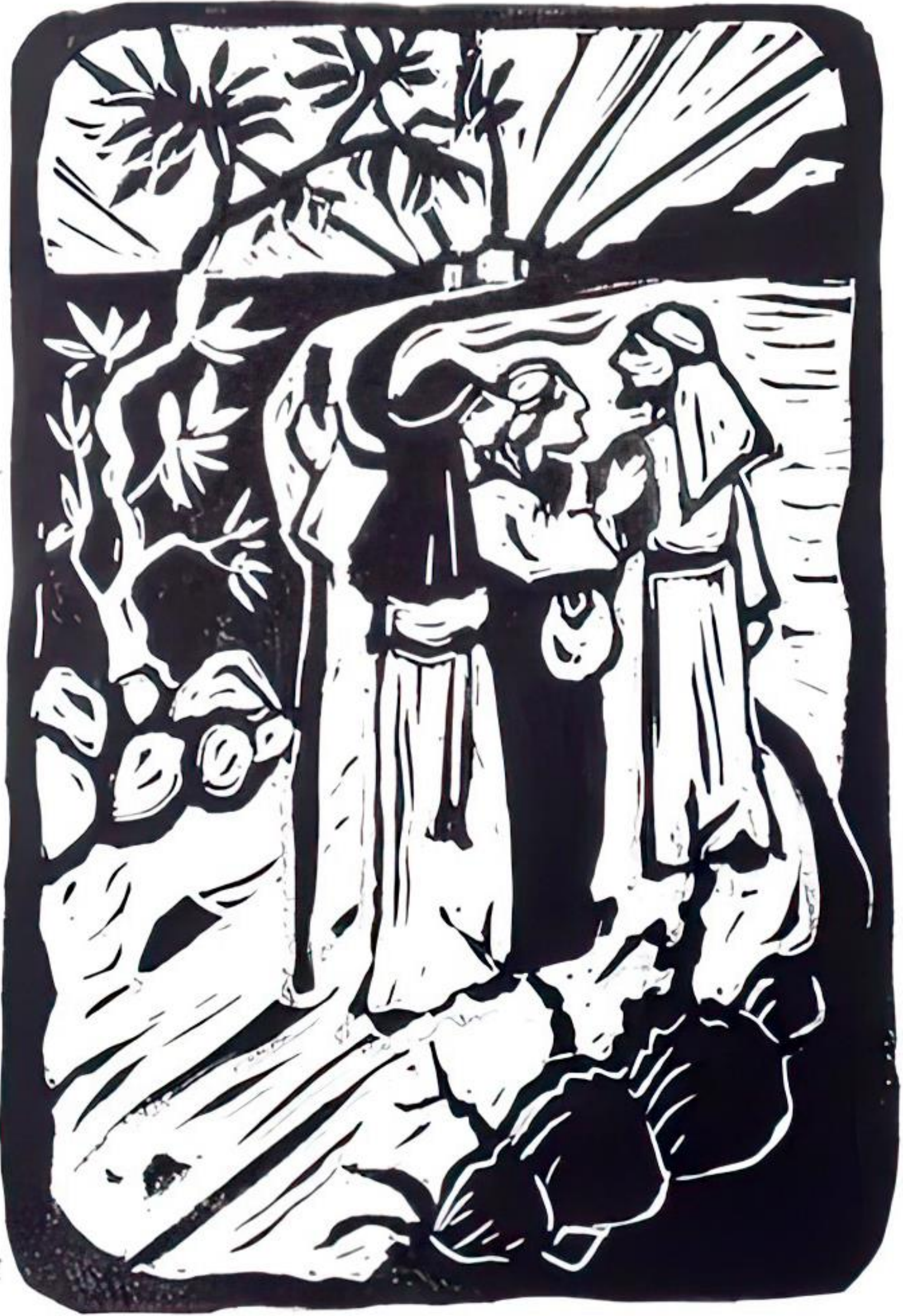


Welcome to the

Setauket Presbyterian Church

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



Third Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

April 19, 2026

❖ *please rise in body or in spirit; unison prayers are in bold.* Please sign the friendship pad!

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

INTROIT

Jesus, meine Zuversicht

J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus walked with his disciples down grief's lonely road,

And sang of resurrection.

As they listened, their hearts were stirred;

And they welcomed the stranger to their table.

Then they recognized him in the breaking of bread

And feasted upon the Bread of Life from that time on.

The great news traveled into Jerusalem and down the ages and into our hearts.

Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 611** *Joyful Joyful, We Adore Thee*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternally patient God, we ask again and again, "What should we do?" And again and again, you tell us, "Repent and return to me." Yet we have not changed our ways. We fall into old habits, cling to our own ways, and take for granted the grace you have given us. Once again, we ask you for forgiveness. Show us the way forward and help us return, once again, to you.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Beloved, hear this good news: through Christ you have come to trust in God, who raised Christ from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

We are born anew, through the living and enduring word of God. Alleluia! Praise to the risen Christ!

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.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 1:18–23

You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

ANTHEM *Shall We Gather at the River*

Based on Hanson Place by Robert Lowry & Deep River, traditional, arr. John Carter

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:13–35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

SERMON

Rev. Candace Whitman

❖HYMN no. 247 *Now the Green Blade Rises (verses 1, 2, 3)*

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

E Major

Johann Kuhnau

❖ 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, to you we give our thanks; your steadfast love endures forever. With gratitude we bring our gifts 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

❖ HYMN no. 306 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds (verse 1, 3, 4, 5)*

❖ CHARGE and BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hallelujah

Leonard Cohen arr. Blake Alkire

Today's liturgy is drawn from the PCUSA Call to Worship Journal (on line) and the writings of Rev. Thom Shuman in *Where the Broken Gather*.

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