

*Welcome to the*

# **Setauket Presbyterian Church**

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



**4th Sunday of Easter**



# Order of Worship

April 21, 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

The Lord is our shepherd.

**Jesus lays down his life for his sheep.**

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**Jesus knows us, and we belong to him.**

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**Jesus speaks to us this morning,  
and we will listen for his voice.**

## OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 239**      *Good Christian All, Rejoice and Sing!*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, we talk about love, but our actions often betray us. We neglect the poor.**

**We judge, scorn, and disdain others. We choose principles over people. Lord,**

**have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us, so that our lives may show the**

**love we have found in Jesus Christ, in whose Body we live and in whose name**

**we pray. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

**We seek God's grace with boldness this morning because we trust in Jesus Christ,**

**the One who laid down his life for us. This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus**

**Christ we are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**SUNG RESPONSE no. 803**      *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

## 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

Lord God, good shepherd, by the leading of your Spirit, help us to listen for your voice and to follow in your paths all the days of our lives; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING     John 10:11-18

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

ANTHEM                                      *Ascribe to the Lord*                                      Joshua Metzger

*Ascribe to the Lord. Let the earth lift its voice. Rejoice at the sound of His name.  
Ascribe to the Lord. All His glory proclaim; for He alone is worthy of praise.  
Ascribe to the Lord, let creation proclaim, His might and His beauty displayed.  
Ascribe to the Lord, and exult in His Name, for He alone is worthy of praise.*

*Let the heavens rejoice. Let the earth be glad. Sing out, this is the day the Lord has made.  
Declare His works throughout all the land. Proclaim the glory of His Name.*

*Ascribe to the Lord. Let the nations rejoice. Give honor and laud all your days.  
Ascribe to the Lord with a jubilant voice; for He alone is worthy of praise.*

*Praise the Lord who reigns above and keeps His court below.  
Praise the holy God of love, and all His greatness show. Praise him for his noble deeds.  
Praise Him for his matchless pow’r. Him from whom all good proceeds, let earth and heav’n adore.  
Let earth and heav’n adore!*

*Ascribe to the Lord. Let the earth lift its voice. Rejoice at the sound of His Name.  
Ascribe to the Lord all His power and praise; for he alone is worthy of praise.*

*Our God is worthy of praise. God is worthy of praise!*

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SERMON

Rev. Dr. Johanna McCune Wagner

❖HYMN no. 463   *How Firm a Foundation*

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

Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have shown us the meaning of love through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. Show us how to share Christ’s love by giving our lives for one another; to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

❖HYMN no. 752   *Dona Nobis Pacem* – sung as a round

❖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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We welcome **Andy Mrakovcic** as our Worship Assistant this morning. Thank you for your service!

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