

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



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

May 10, 2026

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

Happy Mother's Day! | Kindly sign the friendship pad near you and pass it down the pew!

GATHERING MUSIC

Terzo Sanctus

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

INTROIT

Prelude in G major

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of praise be heard!
God has kept us among the living
and has not let our feet slip.

**We went through fire and through water,
yet God has brought us out to a spacious place.**

Come and hear what God has done for us,
all who fear God.

**Surely God has listened to us
and heard our prayers!**

Blessed be God, who is steadfast love.

OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 619** *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven (verses 1, 2, 3)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we love you imperfectly: we do not always keep your commandments. We love each other imperfectly: we hurt those you call us to love through our actions and our inaction. We love ourselves imperfectly: we struggle to believe that we are truly your children, made in your image. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit, make us more faithful that we might live as Christ has shown us, reflecting your love and grace.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Because Christ lives, we also live. Not because of anything we have done, not because of our belief or faithfulness: we live because Christ lives. **This is the Christ who forgives us. This is the God who is in us. This is the Spirit who is with us. Alleluia! Praise be to God!**

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

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

ANTHEM *Built on the Rock (Tune: Kirken Den Er Et)* Arr. Larry Shackley

SCRIPTURE READING John 14:15-21

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

SERMON Rev. Candace Whitman

❖ **HYMN no. 726** *Will you Come and Follow Me (verses 1, 2, 4, 5)*

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION Carol Ullo, Founder's Circle

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *The Call* Ralph Vaughan Williams
Liam Butchart, soloist

❖ 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. 485** *We Know That Christ is Raised*

❖ **CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph

James Niblock

The liturgy this week is drawn from the PCUSA Call to Worship Journal and the
PCUSA *Book of Common Worship*.



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