

Welcome to the

Setauket Presbyterian Church

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



Seventh Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

May 17, 2026

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

Kindly sign the friendship pad near you and pass it down the pew!

GATHERING MUSIC *Built on the Rock the Church doth Stand* Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

INTROIT

Andante con Moto

Johann Erasmus Kindermann

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let the righteous be joyful!

Sing to God; sing praises to God's name;

lift up a song to the one who rides upon the clouds.

Listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God, whose power is in the skies.

OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 403** *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ our Savior, as you ascended, you left the work to us. You called us to keep the movement going, to witness to the ends of the earth, to pray, to heal, to glorify you through our thoughts, words, and deeds, to show the world a glimpse of the goodness you have given us. We have fallen short of this call. We have hidden ourselves in fear, sought our own comfort, and resigned ourselves to the status quo. Forgive us, and strengthen us to do your will, that we may be signs of your coming reign.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Our Lord, even in his prayers for us, expresses tenderness and care for us. And he hears our prayers, and answers our longing for forgiveness with mercy. **Thanks be to God, praise be to Christ, through him we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.**

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

God most high, send down your Spirit of wisdom to shine in your heavenly word, so that we may worship and obey you with joy, continually blessing your name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 1: 6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

ANTHEM

His Eye is on the Sparrow

Charles Hutchinson Gabriel

SCRIPTURE READING John 17: 1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

SERMON

Gilbert Rahme

❖ **HYMN no. 258** *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!*

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Pavan

❖ **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. 722** *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak (verses 1, 2, 4, 5)*

❖ **CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fughetta

Gottlieb Muffat

This morning's liturgy is drawn from The PCUSA Call to Worship Journal online.
