

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



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

May 3, 2026

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

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

GATHERING MUSIC *Melodie* Christoph Willibald Gluck arr. Fritz Kreisler

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME

INTROIT *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
Coronation Oliver Holden arr. Timothy Shaw

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today because of God's calling;

**We have been called out of darkness
and into the light.**

Together we build our lives, our community, upon Christ - the living stone.

**We are God's people,
and we proclaim God's mighty acts.**

Once we were not a people,
but now we are God's people;
**once we had not received mercy,
but now we have received mercy.**

Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 36** *For the Fruit of All Creation*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Christ, our way, our truth, our life, you have shown us the way, so clearly and fully.
But we still don't get it. We do not believe all you have said to us; we do not trust the way
you have shown us. Help us, O God. Forgive us. Open our ears to your truth, open our
eyes to your way, and lead us into new life.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Beloved, believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Jesus prepares a place for
us, Jesus brings us close to him, Jesus answers us even in our unbelief.

We are God's own people. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that as the scriptures are read, we may hear and proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” and “A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

ANTHEM

Holy Manna

arr. Joel Raney

SCRIPTURE READING John 14:1-7

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

SERMON

Rev. Candace Whitman

❖ **HYMN no. 511** *Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven*

IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Thaïs Méditation

Jules Massenet

❖ **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**

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.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Ours is an open table. Visitors and children are welcome to partake of the Lord's Supper. Please note that all shared Communion bread or crackers are gluten free, and all "wine" is grape juice.

Invitation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Great Thanksgiving

sung response:

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Words of Institution

sung response:

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)
B^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C F^{sus} F

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Hymn no. 525 Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees;

let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with

my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine...

Let us praise God...

Hymn no. 507 Come to the Table of Grace

Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table;

it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of ...

...peace...

...love...

...hope...

...joy...

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you, O God, for giving us communion with our risen and glorious Lord. Now send us out to be a sign of the new life that has come into the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

❖HYMN no. 321 *The Church's One Foundation (verses 1, 2, 4, 5)*

❖CHARGE and BENEDICTION

We say and sing these words together with our siblings in Christ in San Antonio de los Baños, Cuba

**The benediction of the God of Sarah, Hagar and Abraham,
The benediction of the Son, who was born of Mary,
The benediction of the Holy Spirit of love,
Who watches over us like a mother for her children,
Descend upon us all. Amen.**

*La bendición de Dios de Sar' Agar y Abram;
La bendición del hijo que de María nació;
La bendición del Santo Espiritu de'amor
Que vela por nosotros, cual madre por sus hijos,
Descienda sobre todos, Amen.*

POSTLUDE *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus/Amazing Grace*

William J. Kirkpatrick arr. Peter Leibensperger

Today's liturgy is drawn from the PCUSA *Call to Worship Journal* online.

Today we welcome violinist Eric Tsai, founder and co-director of the SPIRITUS Festival, to SPC. Music @ SPC is proud to host SPIRITUS Festival concerts this June and we share their mission to bring world-class musical performances and meaningful educational experiences to our community. Thank you for sharing your music with us today, Eric!



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