

Welcome to the

Setauket Presbyterian Church

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



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

July 19, 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 *Nun lasst uns Gott dem Herren*

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

INTROIT *He Who Would Valiant Be* John Boda

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day that Jesus dwells among us,
Pitching his tent in the middle of our need.
This is the day that the Spirit blows where it will,
Giving us a lift to serve the world God loves.
Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

❖HYMN no. 267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Ever-present God, there is no place where you are not with us.
You see us at our worst and at our best.
There is much we would hide from you —
the ways we harm your creation,
the ways we mistreat others,
the ways we turn away when we should turn toward.
Even as you know us, forgive us.
Guide our thoughts, our words, our actions,
that you may delight in us as we delight in you.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

Beloved, hear the good news:
God knows us and forgives us
and leads us in the way of everlasting life.
Thanks 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 stand as able and greet those around you by sharing the peace of Christ.*

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds that as the scripture is read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 8:18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

SERMON

Rev. Candace Whitman

❖**HYMN no. 240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks**

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam’st to Men

Hans-Heinz Haase

❖ 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

God of unending gifts,
we praise you for your abundant goodness.
As you are generous, we want to be generous too.
May the gifts we bring
extend your generosity into the world,
so that all people may be made whole
by your goodness and grace. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

❖HYMN no. 756 *O God of Every Nation*

❖ CHARGE and BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



The liturgy today is drawn from *The Call to Worship Journal* (online), and *The PCUSA Book of Common Worship*.

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