

Welcome to the

Setauket Presbyterian Church

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



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

July 26, 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

Andantino

Ferdinando Carulli

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

INTROIT

Andante Op.35

Fernando Sor

CALL TO WORSHIP

The decrees of the Lord are wonderful,

The unfolding of God's word gives light and understanding.

Turn to us, O God, and be gracious to us.

Make your face shine upon your servants.

We come together to worship the living God.

OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 265** *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we want to understand what the kingdom of heaven is like, but our minds are clouded by cares and concerns of the world. We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes in mysterious ways. We fail to be whole-hearted in our faith and discipleship. We fail to put our trust in the treasures of your kingdom instead of the treasures of the world. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, give us eyes to see and ears to hear your good news for the world even here and now.

Transform our lives and our world by your grace.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Beloved, hear this good news:

God is for us.

Not even our sins can separate us from the love of God.

Glory be to God for this grace and mercy!

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.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, inspire us by your Holy Spirit that the words we read on the page might become living words in our hearts and lives. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 1: 26-27

Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

SCRIPTURE READING I Corinthians 13:4-8a

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

SERMON *Chicken Little and the Image of God Within* Rev. Jay Ekman

❖HYMN *We Are Made for Life Together* Words by Judy Ekman
To the Tune of “Austria (Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken)”

1. We are made for life together
We are joined by love and faith
In our challenges and conflicts
We're supported by God's grace.
We will pledge to help each other
Young and older, big and small
Make our choices with God's guidance
For the strength and health of all.

2. We may be of different ages.
We don't look and sound the same
But we all live in God's family
And we share the Christian name
We can use our hard won wisdom
Sharing stories, speaking truth
We can give to one another
Strength of age and hope of youth.

3. When decisions overwhelm us
When we've chosen what is wrong
God has promised to forgive us
Comfort us and make us strong
We praise God for faithful mercy
Knowing that we must obey
Christ's command to give forgiveness
To the others on our way.

4. So we live our life together
Joined in Christian family
Striving hard to make our choices
Based on true morality.
We will give our youth and children
All the care they need to grow
Sharing through our daily living
Love of God we've come to know.

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IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Lagrima* Francisco Tárrega

**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!**

We give you thanks, O God, for the many blessings that you have bestowed upon us. As from even the smallest of seeds, your kingdom grows, bless our tithes, gifts and offerings, and bless us that we might be ever more faithful in your work of reconciliation, love and joy. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

❖HYMN no. 317 *In Christ There is No East or West*

POSTLUDE *Barcarolle* Thierry Tisserand

Today's liturgy is drawn from the Presbyterian Outlook.

