

Welcome to the

Setauket Presbyterian Church

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



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

August 16, 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

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

INTROIT *Andante* Cesar Franck

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 67)

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us.
May God’s way may be known upon earth,
God’s saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

OPENING PRAYER

❖HYMN no. 673 *Jesus, Light of Joy*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all goodness, we do not want to face all that is in our own hearts. We want to focus on the good— on the love, the compassion, the care— and ignore the bad— the greed, the envy, the cruelty. But before you, God, we must face it. Forgive all the ways we have let evil take hold in our hearts. Cleanse us. Help us face our own demons, and empower us to live a Christlike life.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

We have been disobedient to God, but we have received mercy.
Let us live our lives as those transformed by the abundant mercy of God!

SUNG RESPONSE no. 584 *Gloria*

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

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant — these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

Rev. Candace Whitman

◆HYMN no. 462 *I Love to Tell the Story*

CALL TO OFFERING

Andantino

Cesar Franck

❖ 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. 331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

❖ CHARGE and BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today’s liturgy is based on the PCUSA Call to Worship Journal.



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