

Welcome to the

Setauket Presbyterian Church

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



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

September 13, 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 *Maestoso* Cesar Franck

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Andante* Cesar Franck

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 103)

With the Psalmist, we say, “Bless the Lord, O my soul!”
All that is with me, bless God’s holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all God’s benefits –
God forgives all our iniquity, God heals all our diseases,
God redeems our lives from the Pit,
And crowns us with steadfast love and mercy,
God satisfies us with good as long as we live,
So that our youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

OPENING PRAYER

❖HYMN no. 619 *Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven (verses 1, 2, 4)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Judge, we admit we have double standards. We seek forgiveness for ourselves, but fail to forgive others. We seek relief for ourselves, but fail to seek relief for others. We seek leniency for ourselves, but fail to show that mercy to others. Forgive us, mighty God, and help us to forgive, showing others the same grace and mercy that you have generously shown to us.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

People of God, hear and believe: God does not deal with us according to our sins, but according to God’s own steadfast love for us.
As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our sins from us. 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.*

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 50:15–21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

ANTHEM

Peace Like a River

Traditional Spiritual
Arr. Joel Raney

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

SERMON

Rev. Candace Whitman

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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

Merciful and gracious God, you abound in steadfast love and faithfulness. Bless these gifts and bless our lives to offer mercy and grace to the world you dearly love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

❖HYMN no. 547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

❖ CHARGE and BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *I’d Rather Have Jesus* George Shea Arr. Mark Hayes

Today’s liturgy is drawn from the PCUSA Call to Worship Journal (online).



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