

Welcome to the

Setauket Presbyterian Church

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



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

September 14, 2025

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

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *O Day of Rest and Gladness* John Dierks

CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth is full of God’s glory!
**The meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain.**
God visits the earth and waters it,
crowning the year with bounty.
**The fields shout for joy,
and the people sing together!**
Let us worship the Lord of the harvest
with thanksgiving and praise.

OPENING PRAYER

❖HYMN no. 39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we often hoard your blessings rather than share them freely. We are quick to harvest life’s abundance for ourselves, but slow to labor for the sake of others. We turn inward when you call us outward, and we neglect the cries of the needy. Forgive us, Lord. Open our hearts towards your ways and your kingdom, and make us compassionate towards our neighbors, until all creation is gathered into your joy. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

SUNG RESPONSE no. 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord of the harvest, as we turn to your Word, open our ears to hear your call, open our eyes to see the abundance of need in the world, and open our hearts to receive your grace. We would be your compassionate laborers and servants. Make us so through this day’s scriptures and proclamation. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 65

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed, O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions. Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple. By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might. You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples. Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy. You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it. You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy; the meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout and sing together for joy.

ANTHEM *I Will Sing Unto the Lord* Jamie Killion and Joseph M. Martin

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 9:35-38

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

SERMON

Ken Rogers

❖HYMN no. 634 *To God Be the Glory*

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Thou Art the Way to Thee Alone* Gerhard Krapf

❖ 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 OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Generous God, we thank you for every good gift: fields ripe with grain, hands ready to serve, hearts stirred by your Spirit. Bless these offerings, and bless us, so that we may be workers in your harvest, bringing in the fruits of justice, mercy, and peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 367** *Come, Ye thankful People, Come*

◆ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Arr. David Nevue
