

Welcome to the

Setauket Presbyterian Church

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



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

September 6, 2026

❖ *Please rise in body or in spirit; unison words are in bold.*

Kindly sign the friendship pad near you and pass it down the pew!

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *G Major* Johann Krieger

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 119:33-40)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

Turn my heart to your decrees; in your righteousness be gracious to me.

OPENING PRAYER

❖HYMN no. 710 *Lord, Prepare Me (first, "me", then "us")*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, we have judged others harshly, unfairly and casually. We tend to focus on the sin, brokenness and foibles of others, rather than on the growth and work we are called to. We've made assumptions about what others want and need, robbing them of the freedom to speak for themselves. We've tuned out the voices bold enough to express views that are different from ours. We've relied upon your grace, time and time again, while hastily denying that you are eager to give it not only to us, but to our enemies, also. Help us to see others as you see them; help us to see you with faith and trust.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, calling all to turn from sin, and live.

By the grace of God, our sins are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

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 share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, open our eyes and our ears, our minds and our hearts, that we may hear your Word, walk in your ways, and truly live. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 13:8-10

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 18:15-20

“If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

SERMON Rev. Candace Whitman

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Confession of 1967)

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as a reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation and shares God’s labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from one another. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to God’s call.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *De Lais Amica* Anonyme 1531

❖ 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, these offerings seem insignificant in light of all that you have offered us. We give because you gave. We love because you first loved us. Receive our gifts and our lives, and use them, we pray, for your reconciling work in the world you love. Amen.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Ours is an open table. Visitors and children are welcome to partake of the Lord’s Supper. Please note that all shared Communion bread or crackers are gluten free, and all “wine” is grape juice.

Invitation

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Great Thanksgiving

sung response:
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Words of Institution

sung response:

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

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Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Hymn no. 525 Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees;	Let us drink wine...
let us break bread together on our knees.	Let us praise God...
When I fall on my knees, with	
my face to the rising sun,	
O Lord, have mercy on me.	

Hymn no. 507 Come to the Table of Grace

Come to the table of grace.	Come to the table of ...
Come to the table of grace.	...peace...
This is God's table;	...love...
it's not yours or mine.	...hope...
Come to the table of grace.	...joy...

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

❖HYMN no. 753 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

❖CHARGE and BENEDICTION

We say and sing these words together with our siblings in Christ in San Antonio de los Baños, Cuba

The benediction of the God of Sarah, Hagar and Abraham,
The benediction of the Son, who was born of Mary,
The benediction of the Holy Spirit of love,
Who watches over us like a mother for her children,
Descend upon us all. Amen.

*La bendición de Dios de Sar’ Agar y Abram;
La bendición del hijo que de María nació;
La bendición del Santo Espiritu de’amor
Que vela por nosotros, cual madre por sus hijos,
Descienda sobre todos, Amen.*

POSTLUDE *You Are My All In All* Dennis Jernigan

Today’s liturgy is drawn from The Presbyterian Outlook, the PCUSA Book of Common Worship, and the writings of Rev. Thom Shuman.

