



The Setauket Presbyterian Church

“As active disciples of Jesus Christ, we celebrate and share the love of God among ourselves and with others.”

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

4th Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2014

9:30 AM

March is Women’s History Month.

Many of our prayers and hymns this month will have been written by women.

Last Tuesday was Gloria Steinem’s 80th birthday. Happy birthday, Gloria!

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We use this time to make the transition between “getting here” and “being here”.

Take these few minutes to find the still, deep places within you, where God’s Spirit dwells.

Relax the body; quiet the mind. Focus on breathing, feeling, being. Be mindful of your center—your reservoir of inner peace, strength, love. Be aware of being together in silence with others.

Feel the spirit of the community.

Prelude *Prelude in D Minor*

Johann Sebastian Bach

Ringing of the Steeple Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *How Awesome Is This Place*

John Ness Beck

*** Call to Worship** (adapted from Ephesians 5:8-10, 14)

Once you were darkness,

but now in the Lord we are light.

Live as children of light—

for the fruit of the light is all that is good and right and true.

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,

And Christ shall give you light.”

*** Hymn 324** *Open My Eyes That I May See*

OPEN MY EYES

(words & music by Clara H. Scott, 19c)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [a prayer of **Macrina the Younger (4c)]

Lord, if out of the weakness of human nature we have fallen and sinned in word or deed or thought, forgive it of us; for you have power to forgive sins on earth.

When we are divested of our bodies, may we stand before you with souls unspotted: receive them, blameless and faultless, with your own hands, for we pray in your strong name...

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection concluded with a sung Kyrie)

Kyrie

Hymn 572



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

Assurance of God's Grace

...Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

WITH THE CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Children should proceed to their church school class.)

HEARING THE WORD

Sung Prayer for Illumination

Hymn 329 *Break Thou the Bread of Life* (verse 1)

BREAD OF LIFE

***Break Thou the Bread of Life, dear Lord, to me;
as Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page, I seek Thee, Lord;
my spirit pants for Thee, O Living Word!***

First Reading Numbers 22:21-31

Lectionary Anthem *Thy Word*

Amy Grant

Second Reading John 9:1-41

THE SERMON *A Pool Called "Sent"*

The Rev. Mary B. Speers

* HYMN 280 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

AMAZING GRACE

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

THANKING GOD THROUGH OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem *Choral Reflection on Amazing Grace*

Roger Ames, arr.

Greek Text translation: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

(Please sign the Friendship Rosters found at the end of the pew,
noting the name of fellow worshippers when it is returned.)

* Song after the Offering

Hymn 428 v. 1

***We give Thee but Thine own, what e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone: a trust, O Lord, from Thee.***

* Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, all we have comes from you, and in returning these offerings to you, we offer our lives in your service. Follow these gifts with your blessing, that your light may shine in the darkest night. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 2234 *Lead On, O Cloud of Presence* (words by Ruth Duck, 20c)

LANCASHIRE

* BENEDICTION

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.

*We join with our sisters and brothers in Cuba,
especially the Izquierdo-Hernandez family, by sharing this benediction.*

CHORAL RESPONSE *Cuban Benediction*

arr. Mark Orton

POSTLUDE *Vater unser im Himmelreich*

Dietrich Buxtehude

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

**** Macrina the Younger** was the older sister of the much more famous brothers Basil the Great and Gregory of Nyssa. She was a spiritual leader of the early church, beginning with her own brothers. (The family lived in Pontus, in some legends considered the home of the Amazons, on the southeastern shore of the Black Sea.)

Large print bulletins, Bibles, hymnals and listening devices are available; please ask a Deacon.

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 6

- 8:45 Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Parlor
9:00 Called Session Meeting in the Pastor's Office
9:30 Worship Service with Communion and the Rev. Mary Speers preaching; Reception of New Members; Childcare (ages 1 - 3)
9:45 Church School (Preschool through 6th Grade)
11:00 Children's Choir in the Preschool Room
11:00 Confirmation Class in the Martha Jayne Room
11:00 Adult Education Class in Jr./Sr. High Room
11:00 SPC Choir in the Choir Room
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