



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

1st Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2015

9:30 AM

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

Ringling of the Steeple Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *I Will Cry Unto God Most High*

Robert Wetzler

* **Call to Worship** (adapted from Ps 105:4-8)

Seek the LORD, seek the strength of the LORD:

Seek the presence of the LORD without ceasing.

O you children of God’s servant Abraham,

Remember the wonderful works God has done,

The covenant God has made with a thousand generations.

* Hymn 49 *The God of Abraham Praise*

LEONI

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

Holy God, we confess that our love for you, and for our neighbors, has been diluted by our failings and our fears. We have not held fast to what is good. We have not counted others before ourselves. We have not been patient in suffering, nor have we persevered in prayer. We have repaid evil for evil, or at least wanted to, and in so many ways we have failed to live peaceably with all. Forgive us the sins we hide and the sins that everybody can see. Free us from self-reproach, and help us to trust in the power of your everlasting goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord...*(the spoken prayer leads us into a period of silent self-examination and confession, which is brought to a close by the choir:)*

Choral Supplication *Lamb of God*

Paul Vasile

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 288 Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me...melt me, mold me, fill me, use me...

First Reading Exodus 3:1-15

Anthem *When Israel Was in Egypt's Land*

Traditional/Spiritual

Second Reading John 8:31-40, 57-59

THE SERMON *In Egypt's Land*

The Rev. Mary B. Speers

* HYMN 69 *Here I Am, Lord*

HERE I AM (Schutte)

THANKING GOD THROUGH OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory

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

* Offering Song, Hymn 708, verse 1 *(please rise as the offering is brought forward)*

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

* Prayer of Dedication *(based on Howard Thurman's translation of a Hindu prayer)*

**O God, may we love not the world, nor yet forsake its gifts in fear and hate; our
lives to You an offering make, and to You dedicate. AMEN.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 729 *Lord I Want to Be a Christian*

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

* CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION and BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *Fourfold Amen*

Mark Orton

POSTLUDE

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

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

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 1

9:00 Knitting at 9 in the Parlor

9:30 Worship Service with Communion and the Rev. Mary Speers preaching;
Childcare (ages 1 - 3)

9:45 Church School (Preschool through 6th Grade)

11:00 Children's Choir in the Preschool Room

11:00 Adult Education Class in the Parlor

11:00 Parenting Workshop in the Jr./Sr. High Room

3:00 Three Village Clergy Education Series at Temple Isaiah
