



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 6, 2016

9:30 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Ringing of the Steeple Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: **Light Enters** *Come All You People*

Alexander Gondo, arr. John Bell

* **Call to Worship** (from Psalm 85:8, 6-7)

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,

For God will speak peace to the people:

To the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

* **Hymn 509** *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

HOLY MANNA

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION (from the 1993 Book of Common Worship)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed, and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, our brother, our Savior, and our friend... (silent prayer)

the spoken prayer leads us into a period of silent self-examination and confession, which is brought to a close with:

Sung Supplication *Lamb of God*

Paul Vasile

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy, have mercy on us. (2x)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Grant us, O grant us thy peace.

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 460 Break Thou the Bread of Life, verse 1

***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 Joshua 5:9-12

Anthem *We've Come This Far by Faith*

Albert Goodson

Second Reading II Corinthians 5:16-21

THE SERMON A New Creation

The Rev. Mary B. Speers

* **HYMN 774** *There Is Now a New Creation*

STUTT GART

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

This Lent, the Worship and Music committee invites you to write your prayers on the strips of paper provided, and come forward to tie them on the wire cross. This is a period of communal meditation and music, brought to a close with a brief thanksgiving.

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**

Almighty God, everything we have comes from you. Whatever we do we owe to your Spirit, the life you have placed within us. Follow then these gifts with your blessing, and accept our hearts and our lives as offerings returned to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving, with Intercessions

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.

Sharing the Bread and Cup (Please hold the elements until all are served.)

Prayer after Communion (from Psalm 103)

Bless the Lord, O my soul:

And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul:

And forget not all God's benefits.

God our help: we thank you for this supper shared in the Spirit with your holy child Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. We praise you for giving us all good gifts in Christ, and pledge ourselves to serve Christ in our neighbor for we pray in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

* **HYMN 65** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

*** 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 the members of our sister church in San Antonio de los Baños in Cuba in sharing this benediction on the first Sunday of each month.)

CHORAL RESPONSE *Cuban Benediction*

arr. 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.

OURS IS AN OPEN COMMUNION. All Christians are encouraged to join in celebrating the Lord's Supper today. This includes children whose parents deem it appropriate and who have instructed their children about the meaning of Communion. For greater inclusivity, all the bread being served is gluten free, and all wine is unfermented grape juice.

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 13

- 9:00 Knitting at 9 in the Parlor
9:30 Worship Service with the Rev. Dr. Craig Malbon preaching; Childcare (ages 1 - 3);
7th Grade Program Balcony
9:45 Church School (Preschool through 6th Grade)
11:00 Children's Choir in the Choir Room
11:00 Confirmation Class in the Parlor
11:00 Adult Education Class in Jr./Sr. High Room
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