



# 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

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

September 4, 2016

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**     *Rhosymedre*

R. Vaughan-Williams

**Ringling of the Steeple Bell**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\* Call to Worship**

God, you have made me a disciple,

**Christ, you have called me and shaped me to follow you.**

God, you continue to reshape the clay of my being with your own hands.

**Christ, re-form and re-make me in your image and likeness.**

Come, let us worship God, who continues to mold and shape us.

**Let us open ourselves to God’s healing and grace-filled hands.**

**\* Hymn 719**     *Come, Labor On*

ORA LABORA

### PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

**Lord, just when we have become satisfied with who we are (if only other people had it all together as we do), and complacent with the world around us (not perfect, maybe, but we’re finally comfortable in it), you find a way to upend our life and to turn it into a bundle of turmoil and uncertainty. We confess that we do not like to be treated as a hunk of clay always in the making. Re-shaped and re-formed at inconvenient times and in unpleasant ways. We long for the past and all the ways we knew your presence there. We find it difficult and annoying to be reminded that you are just as present right in the midst of our pain and uncertainty. Calling us to new life even within the old. Help us, God, to be aware of your presence and action in every moment. Amen.**

*(Silent Prayer)*

**Assurance of God’s Grace**

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

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**\* Gloria** (sing once in unison, twice in a round)

from Taizé Hymnal

**(a) Glory to God, glory to God, (b) glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God; alleluia, alleluia.**

### WITH THE CHILDREN AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

## 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 Psalm 139:1-6

Music for Reflection

Second Reading Jeremiah 18:1-11

THE SERMON *Never too Late for God to Reshape*

The Rev. John Kloepfer

\* HYMN 695 *Change My Heart, O God*

CHANGE MY HEART

## 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.)

\* Doxology 606 (alt)

\* Prayer of Dedication

## 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 697 *Take My Life* (verses 1,3,5)

HENDON

\* 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.)*

**RESPONSE**      *Cuban Benediction*

arr. Mark Orton

**POSTLUDE**      *The Heavens Declare*

Marcello

*\*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.

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**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.

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**NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 - HOMECOMING SUNDAY**

- 9:30    Worship Service with the Rev. Mary Speers preaching; Childcare (ages 1 - 3);  
          Christian Education Staff Dedication; Committee Fair following service
- 9:45    1st Day of Regular Church School (Preschool through 6th Grade)
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