



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 Easter

May 7, 2017

9:30 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Ringing of the Steeple Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: Light Enters *How Awesome Is This Place*

John Ness Beck

* Call to Worship (*in unison*)

God of grace:

We come with all we have;

bodies, souls, minds, all here to worship you.

We have come for a glimpse of your kingdom of kindness--

a world where love rules over all,

a world where enemies embrace,

distinctions between friend and foe evaporating in the light of your love.

We dedicate this hour of worship to you and to your kingdom come. Amen.

* Hymn 243 *Be Not Afraid*

Taizé (sung 2X)

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION (*in unison*)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name. Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of God’s Grace

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

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Sung Response

from Hymn 236

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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 23

Anthem *Magdalena* from Marienlieder

Johannes Brahms

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:19-25

THE SERMON The Guardian of Your Soul

The Rev. Dr. Craig Malbon

* HYMN 817 *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

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 (*in unison*)

**Help us who have received so freely from you to give as freely in our turn, and so
have the pleasure of giving as well as the happiness of receiving. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

* Hymn 428 *Before I Take the Body of the Lord*

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Communion and Lord's Prayer & the Words of the Institution of Lord's Supper

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Anthem *This Do In Remembrance of Me*

Judy Hunnicutt

Prayer after Communion (*in unison*)

We thank you Lord,

that you have fed us in this sacrament,

united us with Christ,

and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet

prepared for all peoples. Amen.

* HYMN 824 *There Is a Place of Quiet Rest*

* 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, MAY 14 - MOTHER'S DAY

9:00 Knitting at 9 in the Parlor

9:30 Worship Service with the Rev. Ted Wardlaw preaching; Childcare (ages 1 - 3); Fellowship Hall 25th Anniversary Celebration immediately following worship

9:45 Church School (Preschool through 6th Grade); Middle School Program (7th-8th Grade)

1:00 to 9:00 Music Lessons in lower Preschool Room