

# SETAUKET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 16, 2021

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

## GATHERING MUSIC

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord of life,

We do not know the face of the future,  
any more than your disciples did.

**Like them, we have many questions:**

**how to live**

**how to bear witness.**

Like them, we thirst for the spring waters of the Spirit  
to inspire us in our living  
to give us a heart language in our story.

**You have been raised in glory**

**that we might rise with dignity**

You live in power that we might live in peace

You are present everywhere

that we might be fully present in our own lives

**This we believe**

**This we step out on.**

**Let us worship God!**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God, we confess that our faith is sometimes weak. Our love for others can be faint. Our prayers are often timid. Our gratitude can be unconvincing. When we stand looking toward heaven, feeling far from you, draw us near in your mercy. Forgive us our faults, and fill us with your power. *(time for silent personal confession)* In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Siblings, as Christ is our witness,

God's power to pardon is immeasurable.

Therefore, proclaim this good news  
to the ends of the earth:

Through the mercy of Christ,  
our sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God. Amen!**

## Sacrament of Baptism

We celebrate today with Cooper Thomas Raynor, son of Katie and Sean Raynor.

### **The Apostles' Creed (traditional)**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**HYMN FOR MEDITATION no.486 (insert) Child of Blessing, Child of Promise**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Come, Holy Spirit, open our minds to see the power of Scripture to give life; enlighten our hearts that we might see Christ in all whom we meet; in the name of the one, holy, and living God, Amen.

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Psalm 97

Acts 1:1-11

### **REFLECTION**

**HYMN FOR MEDITATION no.750 (insert) Goodness is Stronger than Evil**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **BENEDICTION**

### **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*Please share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.*

### **SENDING MUSIC**

*You may leave an offering as you depart.*

*We thank Harris Becker and Laura Lessard for leading our music this morning.*

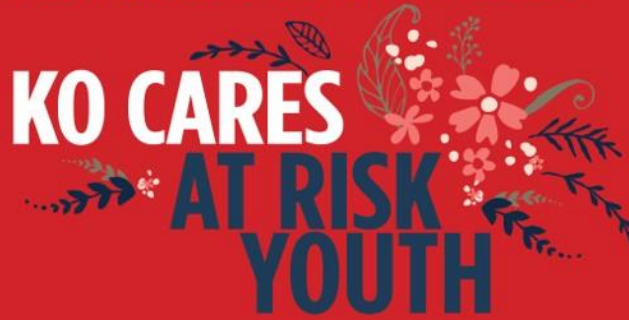
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### **WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP:**

Setauket Presbyterian church is a living community of faith, active in worship and service of Jesus Christ. Founded in 1660, our mission is to meet the spiritual needs of our members and friends, be meaningfully involved in supporting our surrounding communities, and bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in the world. All are welcome here! If you are looking for a church home, would like to be on our mailing list, or have any questions about our tradition or faith community, please call the church office (631-941-4271) or speak with one of the pastors. We hope that you feel the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit in this place!



# MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING



**CELEBRATE & HONOR**  
**THE WOMEN IN YOUR LIFE**  
Give to KO Cares to  
build a brighter future  
for Long Island At-Risk  
Youth this Mother's Day.

In memory or in honor of our mothers and loved ones, Founders Circle is collecting a special offering for at-risk youth. All donations go to KO CARES, an educational program that encourages academic excellence and expands opportunities, builds confidence, and reduces inequities. **Please support KO Cares by giving generously - no donation is too small.** We hope to raise \$2,000. Session has approved matching funds from the Gillespie Trust.

**Names will be collected in honor or memory of loved ones and will be remembered at the Setauket Presbyterian Church during June. Please email the Church Office ([setauketpresbyterian@verizon.net](mailto:setauketpresbyterian@verizon.net)) with the names of those you would like honored or remembered.** Acknowledgement will be sent to honorees and families of those remembered.

## 3 WAYS TO GIVE

### IN PERSON

Church Parking Lot  
(weather permitting).  
Sundays, 9:30-10:30.  
May 2, May 9, May 16.

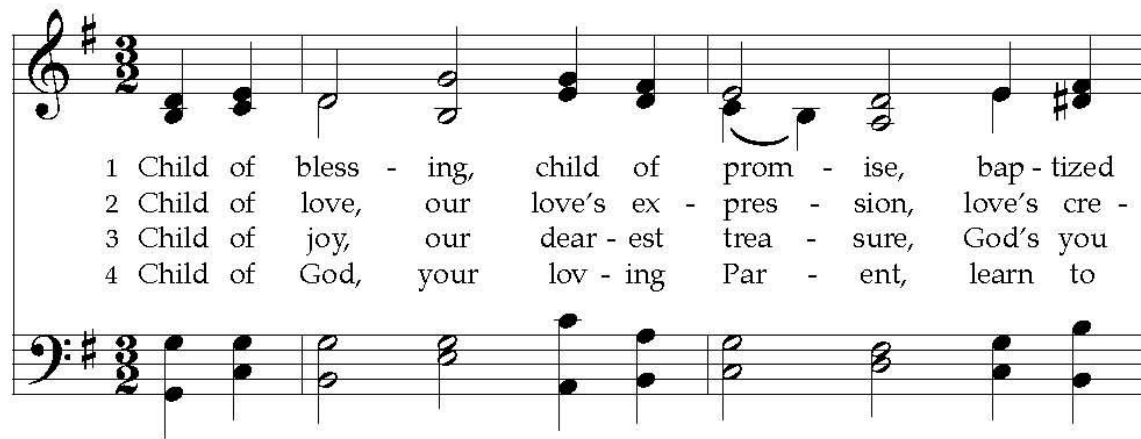
### ONLINE

Visit our website [here](#)  
and select "other" and  
designate KO Cares.

### BY MAIL

Send a check to Setauket  
Presbyterian Church,  
5 Caroline Ave., Setauket,  
NY 11733.

# 486 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise



1 Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized  
 2 Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, love's cre -  
 3 Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you  
 4 Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to



with the Spir - it's sign, with this wa - ter God has  
 a - tion, loved in - deed! Fresh from God, re - fresh our  
 are, from God you came. Back to God we hum - bly  
 lis - ten for God's call. Grow to laugh and sing and



sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.  
 spir - its; in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.  
 give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.  
 wor - ship; trust and love God more than all.

This hymn addressed to a newly-baptized child begins each stanza with a facet of the child's identity, culminating in "child of God." By being directed to one person rather than the whole congregation, this text occupies a special category among the "songs of encouragement."

# Goodness Is Stronger than Evil 750

Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;

light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death.

Vic - tory is ours; vic - tory is ours  
Oh, vic - tory is ours; vic - tory is

through God who loves us. us.  
ours through God who loves us. us.

Recognizing that this text arose from the years of apartheid in South Africa adds depth and resonance to its already confident language. Yet these words can also be read as a summary of Christ's death and resurrection, the true basis of our hope that good will triumph over evil.