

June 27, 2021

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are the body of Christ!

Justice seeking, bread breaking, hymn singing, risk taking body of Christ!

Baptized by one Spirit, we are members of one body.

Many and varied in culture, race, sexuality, age, class and ability, we are members of Christ's beautiful body.

None of us can say to another, "I have no need of you."

For only together can we find wholeness.

None of us can say to another, "I will not care for you."

For we are connected like muscle and bone. If one suffers, we all suffer. If one rejoices, we all rejoice!

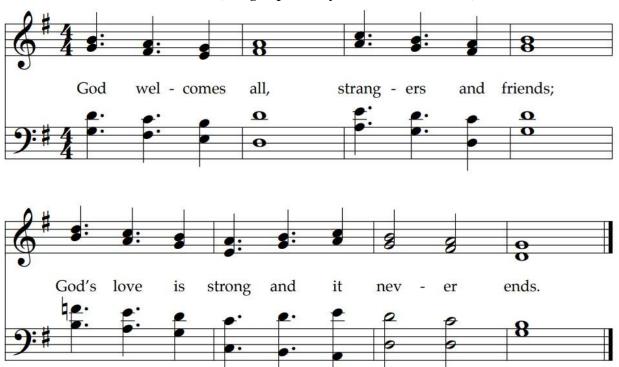
Come in, all are welcome, come into worship! Come with your longings, your questions, and your fears.

Come with your dreams of a better day, one with dignity and safety for all!

Thanks be to God who in Christ has made us one!

Let us worship God! Alleluia!

HYMN no. **399** *God Welcomes All* (sung repeatedly, with instruments!)



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and loving God, you promise us that you are making all things new. Yet we see the pain and injustice in our world and in our lives, and we do not believe you. Forgive us for our tiny faith. Make us confident in your promises, that we may be people of courageous hope, healers in a world desperate for restoration.

(time for silent personal confession) Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear this Good and abiding news, God does not leave us where God finds us. This is the promise made to us by the God who created us in God's own image. The space between God's abundance and our hard truths is where grace meets us. And it is this grace that compels us to answer the call to go where the Spirit leads.

We are found here in this place, we are forgiven, we are beloved. Thanks be to God.

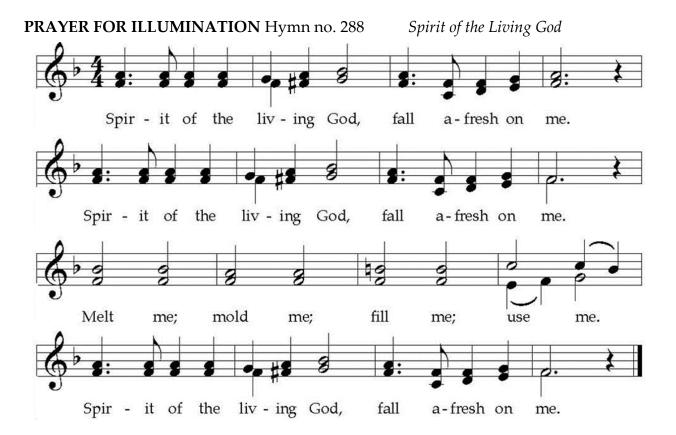
SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

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



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Philippians 2:5-13

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

† HYMN no. **853** (insert) *We Are Marching in the Light of God* (sung repeatedly, with instruments!)

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

People of God, go from this place confident in God's promises. Love and serve the Lord.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you, now and always.

Amen.

† SENDING MUSIC

You may leave an offering as you depart.

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

Portions of the liturgy come from Ann B. Day, Dumbarton UMC, Shawna Bowman, Rachel Young for *The Presbyterian Outlook*.

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

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

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The Setauket Presbyterian Church

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- 2 Hold my hand ...
- 5 Search my heart ...
- 3 Stand by me ...
- 6 Guide my feet ...
- 4 I'm your child ...
- tand by me ... 6 Guide my le

This African American spiritual is based on the imagery of "the race that is set before us" in Hebrews 12:1–2. Its call-and-response structure allows for the improvisation and addition of stanzas related to an athletic metaphor that is as vivid today as it was centuries ago.

We Are Marching in the Light of God



This lively Zulu/Xhosa freedom song originated in a Methodist young men's group in South Africa and has gone on to become popular in many other languages around the globe. Some additional stanzas are suggested, but others may be improvised as appropriate to the occasion.

