

Grace Presbyterian Church and Setauket Presbyterian Church
Third Sunday of Easter ~ April 26, 2020 (online)

Gathering Music

Welcome

Call to Worship

Through the prophets,
ancient and new,
we come to understand differently
the story of us.

**God frees us from evil's deceit
and lifts the veil from our perception.**

We are not powerless before evil.
We are not without hope.
We need not be afraid.

**Though destruction comes our way,
we are still healers,
community builders,
makers of beauty,
cultivators of delight.**

We are abundant in wisdom,
and together, our courage abounds.

We will not be led astray by untruths
that close our hearts off to the life that remains.

**God is not dead, but alive!
We press on together by the power of Love.**

Prayer for Reconciliation

Faithful God, too often we are distracted and do not see you in our midst. For all the times we have not opened our eyes to the injustice of the world: forgive us. For all the times we have ignored your call to love you, to love our neighbors, and ourselves: forgive us. For all the ways we turn our back on your call: forgive us. Forgive us and make us new. Call us to open our eyes, call us to love, call us to walk in your way.

Words of Assurance

Whether we believe it, or not, Jesus Christ never leaves us nor forsakes us. Let us open our hearts to receive the grace that Christ brings to us in faithfulness.
We are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

Sung Prayer for Illumination no. 288 Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me...melt me, mold me, fill me, use me...

Scripture Readings

Psalms 116: 1-4, 12-19

Luke 24: 13-35

Sermon

Rev. Ashley McFaul-Erwin

Hymn no. 257 The Risen Christ



1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound - ed
2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound - ed
3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound - ed
4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and

feet from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y
side, breathes out his Spir - it on them to a -
hand the bread for those who fail to un - der -
stand with the op - pressed in this and ev - ery

street, un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear, and
bide whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve; new
stand, re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - gering tears, en -
land, till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be, re -

speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.
flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.
stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

Offering

Prayer of Dedication, Thanksgiving, and Intercession

Hymn no. 246 Christ is Alive!

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Benediction

Passing of the Peace

Either online or in person, please share with one another expressions of Christ's peace.

Postlude

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