

OFFERTORY "Peace Abiding"

George Frederic Handel

\*DOXOLOGY

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below,  
Praise him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*HYMN OF SENDING #353 "Grace Greater than Our Sin"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #326 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Finale"

Gilbert M. Martin



**WELCOME VISITOR!** We are delighted that you are here to share worship of our Lord Jesus this morning together with the rest of us. We want you to be well informed about the Christian faith and about the church so don't be afraid to ask. You may communicate with us in several ways. Ask a neighbor in your pew, fill out a blue first-time visitor card, add your name to the Ritual of Friendship pad and by all means do not hesitate to contact our pastor. May God bless you this morning and throughout the week.

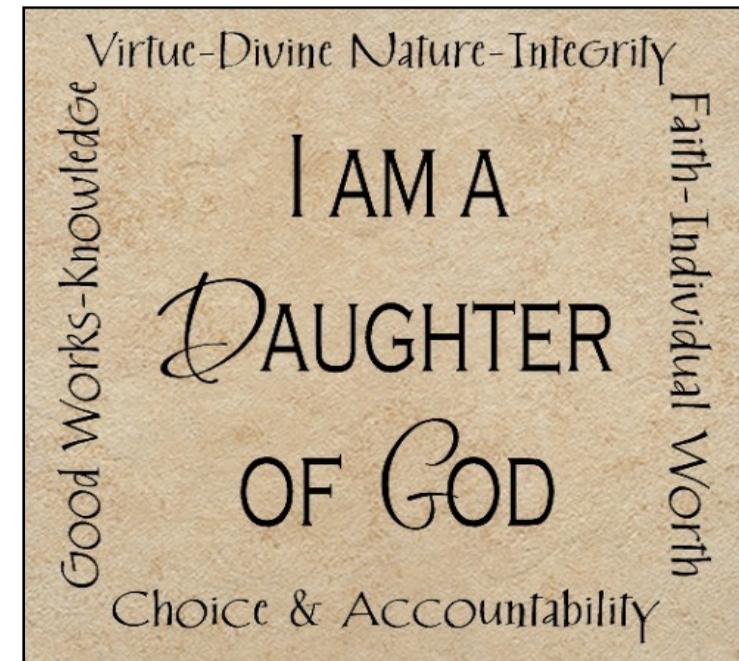
Rev. Susan Bennett, Pastor  
Dorothy Clark, Organist  
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director  
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus

Ward Gailey, Music Director  
Linda Hodges, Office Manager  
Nursery: Megan Bennett & Stephanie Phillips

# *Stockbridge Presbyterian Church*

**May 8, 2016  
11:00 a.m.**

**CELEBRATE THE GIFTS OF WOMEN**



## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during this hour of worship.)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY "Pastorale for Mother's Day"

Robert A. Roesch

Acolyte: Breanna Huggins

#### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Judy Simmons

Please use this time for silent meditation and preparation for worship. Prayer cards are in the pew rack in front of you for submission to church prayer list.

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

\*Those who are able, please stand.

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #332 "Let Every Christian Pray" (verse 2)

**The Spirit brought to birth the church of Christ on earth to seek and save the lost:  
God never has withdrawn, since that tremendous dawn, the gifts at Pentecost.**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 97)

Liturgist: Laura Richardson

Leader: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice.

**All: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

Leader: The heavens proclaim his righteousness; all the peoples behold his glory.

**All: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name.**

**All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!**

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #56 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive us when we are blind to the needs of others, when we become lazy, indifferent, apathetic. You are forever good to us and fill our lives with your love, but we are often too selfish or passive to share your love and provision with others. Forgive us for our sins. Fill us with your compassion and your love for the world. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 Peter 2:10)

Leader: Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people. Once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy. Friends, rejoice again in the grace of Christ our Lord:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.**

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

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**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

## PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

#### \*HYMN OF CONSECRATION #344 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Betsy Sierra

(Children will be dismissed to Children's Worship following the anthem.)

#### ANTHEM "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" Spiritual

Men's Chorus

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING Galatians 6:9-10

Page 180, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING James 2:17, 26

Page 216, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "Just Do It!"

Arlene Lathrop

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

#### MINISTRY OF GIVING