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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 #440 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #463 "Revive Us Again" (verse 2)

We praise thee, O God for thy Spirit of light, who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night.  
Hallelujah! Thine the glory; Hallelujah, Amen! Hallelujah! Thine the glory; revive us again.

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Zachary Smith



**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.

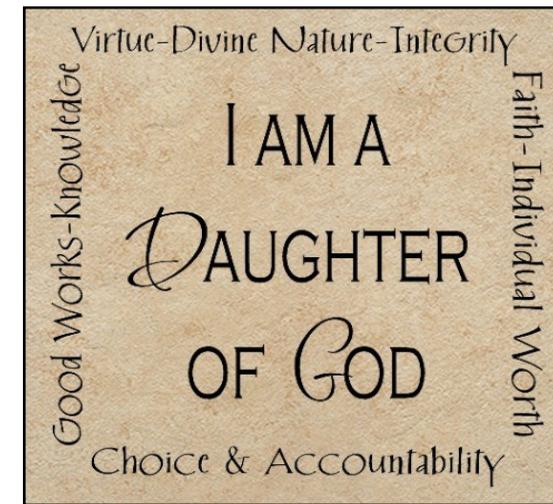
Rev. Susan Bennett, Pastor  
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director  
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Zachary Smith, Musician

Linda Hodges, Office Manager  
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Nursery: Stephanie Phillips & Megan Bennett

# Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

May 10, 2015  
11:00 a.m.

**CELEBRATE THE GIFTS OF WOMEN**



*Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also  
ought to love one another.*

*1 John 4:11*

## 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

Acolyte: Sydney Holloway

#### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Arlene Lathrop

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 #67 "Come, We That Love the Lord" (verse 2)

**Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;  
but children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad.**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 145)

Liturgist: John Dunn

Leader: We will extol you, our God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

**All: Every day we will bless you!**

Leader: You are great, O Lord, and greatly to be praised; your greatness is unsearchable.

**All: You are good to all, and your compassion is over all that you have made.**

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

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #358 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive us when we do not love as you have shown us to love. Forgive us when we are selfish, cold, or indifferent toward others. Forgive us when we pass judgment instead of offering compassion. Remind us to love always as freely and faithfully as you love us. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 John 1:9)

Leader: If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Friends, give thanks again for the great good news of the gospel:

**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 #356 "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Betsy Sierra

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

#### ANTHEM "Amazing Grace"

Men's Chorus

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING Psalm 145:8-9

Page 549, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING 1 John 4:9-11

Page 226, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "No Love Is Greater than His"

Kaitlyn Clipper

## 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

#### OFFERTORY

Zachary Smith