

OFFERTORY "Meditation"

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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 #131 "Surely the Presence"

\*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 "Mighty Maker of All"

Rachel Sawyer



**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: Stephanie Phillips & Megan Bennett

# *Stockbridge Presbyterian Church*

**May 22, 2016  
11:00 a.m.**



*God's love has been poured into our hearts through  
the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.  
Romans 5:5b*

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during this hour of worship.  
Otherwise, Susan will turn into her evil twin and give you The Look.)

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### OPENING VOLUNTARY "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

arr. John A. Behnke

Acolyte: Marie Anne LaFaye Coutin-Baxter

### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Jason Howard

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"

**Let every Christian pray, this day and every day, come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Was not the church we love commissioned from above? Come Holy Spirit, come!**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 8)

Liturgist: Lee Hart

Leader: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**All: You have set your glory above the heavens.**

Leader: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have perfected praise.

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

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #48 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the poor and the hungry. Forgive us, Lord. Lead us back to the path that you have laid for us, and give us trustful and obedient hearts. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Colossians 1:13-14)

Leader: God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Friends, rejoice again in the great good news of the kingdom of God:

**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 #132 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" (verses 1, 4, and 5 only)

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Tami Pass

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

### ANTHEM "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Thomas Dorsey, arr. Hyslop

Sanctuary Choir

Greg Lathrop, harmonica, Sondra Martin, soprano, Arlene Lathrop, oboe

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING John 16:12-15

Page 104, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING Romans 5:1-5

Page 145, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON "Who Is the Holy Spirit?"

Rev. Susan Bennett

## 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