

OFFERTORY "Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God"

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

*DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

**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 #590 "Rise Up, O Saints of God!" (Verses 1, 3, 5 only)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

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

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Rise Up and Serve the Lord"

Patricia Lou Harris



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

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

**May 29, 2016
11:00 a.m.**



Memorial Day
*Remember Those Who
Gave Their Lives*

*The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father
will send in my name, will teach you everything,
and remind you of all that I have said to you.
John 14:26*

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 "This Little Light of Mine"

Traditional

Acolyte: Isabella Newsome

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Carol Abbott

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: Carol Abbott

Leader: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

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

Leader: For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth.

All: Rejoice in the Lord, and give thanks to his holy name!

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #21 "This Is My Father's World"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we are satisfied with too little. Forgive us when we accept the blessings we are comfortable with and try to avoid those we can't control. Help us to understand that your Spirit is not to be feared, but trusted. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 5:1-2a)

Leader: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand. 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 #614 "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sue Scheer

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

ANTHEM "In Flanders Fields"

Jacobson and Emerson

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

John 14:15-17, 25-27

Page 103, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

Page 182, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "And What Is the Spirit Doing Here?"

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