

OFFERTORY "God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

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\*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 #65 "God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #344 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (verse 1)

**I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back.**

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Trumpet Tune in C"

Henry Purcell



**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  
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus

Ward Gailey, Music Director  
Linda Hodges, Office Manager  
Nursery: Suzie Wharton and Allie Dunn

# *Stockbridge Presbyterian Church*

*June 10, 2018*

*11:00 a.m.*



*The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.*

*Psalm 138:8a*

## 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 Variation on "Amazing Grace"

Robert J. Hughes

#### 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 #96 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (verse 1)

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 138)

Liturgist: Arlene Lathrop

Leader: We give you thanks, O Lord; we sing your praise.

**All: We bow down toward your holy temple.**

Leader: We give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and faithfulness.

**All: Great is the glory of the Lord.**

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

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #40 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive us for our need to control, and our need to be in charge. Forgive our foolish pride and our many fears. Help us to remember that it is your will, not ours, that is always best. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 8:1-2)

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and of death.

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 #486 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

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

ANTHEM "Jesus Walked That Lonesome Valley" Spiritual, arr. Shackley  
Greg Lathrop, soloist

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 138

Page 545, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING 1 Samuel 15:34-16:3

Page 248, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "His Wonders to Perform"

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.**

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