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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 #426 "Blessed Assurance"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #134 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

*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
Ward Gailey, Music Director
Zachary Smith, Musician

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

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

June 14, 2015
11:00 a.m.



*I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf
of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me,
because they are yours.*

John 17:9

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: Marie Anne LaFaye Coutin-Baxter

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Terry Holmes

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 #2 "O Worship the King" (verse 2)

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.

His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 1)

Liturgist: Linda Roberts

Leader: Our delight is in the law of the Lord!

All: And on his law we meditate day and night.

Leader: God has planted us like trees by streams of water.

All: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #11 "Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, your Son Jesus has promised never to leave us nor forsake us. Forgive us when we leave him, when we turn away from you, distracted and too busy. Forgive us when thoughts of the world fill our hearts and minds, and we forget to include you in every part of our lives. Remind us of your loving presence, and soften our hearts toward you. 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, give thanks again for God's mercy and grace:

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

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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 #72 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sue Scheer

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

ANTHEM "His Eye is on the Sparrow" Arr. Mark Hayes
Terry Holmes, soloist

Zachary Smith

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 1

Page 463, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING John 17:6-19

Page 105, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Aren't We Special!"

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

OFFERTORY

Zachary Smith