

OFFERTORY

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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 #513 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

\*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

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**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 24, 2018  
11:00 a.m.



*Those who know your name  
put their trust in you, for you, O Lord,  
have not forsaken those who seek you.  
Psalm 9:10*

## 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

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### 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 #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 9)

Liturgist: Jason Howard

Leader: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

**All: The Lord sits enthroned forever.**

Leader: He judges the world with righteousness; he judges the people with equity.

**All: Sing praises to the Lord; declare his deeds among the people.**

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

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #501 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive our foolish pride, and our too-frequent sense of entitlement. Forgive us when we take for granted the blessings in our lives, and forget to even pray for those who suffer daily for their faith in you. Please keep our hearts soft and filled with compassion for others. Hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Philippians 1:6b)

Leader: Scripture promises that the one who began a good work among us will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. Friends, rejoice again in God's amazing grace:

**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 #345 "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Ward Gailey

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

#### ANTHEM "We Are Not Alone" Choplin

Laura Richardson, soloist

Sanctuary Choir

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING Psalm 9:9-14

Page 466, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Page 171, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "Persecution"

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