

OFFERTORY "Meditation"

Douglas E. Wagner

\*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 #569 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

\*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 "Rise Up and Serve the Lord"

Patricia Lou Harris

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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 & Elizabeth Wagner

# *Stockbridge Presbyterian Church*

**June 25, 2017  
11:00 a.m.**



*"Whoever does not take up the cross  
and follow me is not worthy of me."  
Matthew 10:38*

## 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 "God of Grace"

Paul Manz

#### 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 86)

Liturgist: Jason Howard

Leader: You, O Lord, are good and forgiving,

**All: Abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.**

Leader: You are great and do wondrous things!

**All: You alone are God.**

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

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #77 "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive us when we are apathetic. Forgive us when we keep our distance from you and do not include you in our lives. Forgive the fear and lack of trust that too often direct our way. Help us to truly see you, to know you fully and deeply, to receive your faithful love with open hearts. Please hear us now as we continue our confession 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, 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 #590 "Rise Up, O Saints of God!"

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Tami Pass

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

#### ANTHEM "What a Savior" Larry Shackley

Sanctuary Choir

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING Psalm 86 1-10, 16-17

Page 514, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING Matthew 10:34-39

Page 10, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "A Cross to Bear"

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