

MINISTRY OF GIVING

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 #480 "Open My Eyes That I May See"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #708 "Go Forth for God"

**Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak; Help the afflicted;
richly from above God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.
Go forth for God, go to the world in love.**

*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: Elizabeth Wagner & Suzie Wharton

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

*July 9, 2017
11:00 a.m.*



*Come to me,
all you who are weary and are carrying heavy
burdens, and I will give you rest.
Matthew 11:28*

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: 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 #654 "Holy Ground"

We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around.

Let us praise Jesus now; We are standing in his presence on holy ground.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 45)

Liturgist: Terry Holmes

Leader: Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever.

All: Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity;

Leader: You love righteousness and hate wickedness.

All: The peoples will praise you forever and ever!

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #48 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we feel entitled, when we are impatient, when we complain. Forgive our weak faith and lack of trust. Teach us, your children, to look to you for everything and to know all you are and do is good. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Ephesians 1:7-8a)

Leader: In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. Friends, give thanks again for the great good news of the kingdom of God:

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 #419 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

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

ANTHEM "Somebody's Calling My Name"

Spiritual

Marie Anne and Monica Andrea Coutin-Baxter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Page 19, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Matthew 11:25-30

Page 11, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Unanswered Prayer"

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.