

OFFERTORY

Zachary Smith

\*DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

**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 #603 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #593 "Lord, Speak to Me"

**O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the stumbling and the straying feet;  
and feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungry ones with manna sweet.**

\*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  
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*

**July 12, 2015  
11:00 a.m.**



*But now in Christ Jesus you who were once far  
off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.  
For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups  
into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is,  
the hostility between us.  
Ephesians 2:13-14*

## 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: Collin Roberts

### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Greg 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 #31 "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" (verse 2)

**I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food; he formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good. Lord, how your wonders are displayed where're I turn my eye, if I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 89)

Liturgist: Terry Holmes

Leader: We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever!

**All: We will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

Leader: We declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

**All: Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

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

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #71 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, in your wisdom you have created each of us as a unique and special being. Please forgive us when we cry instead for conformity, when we hate or criticize those who are different from us. Forgive our prejudices and fears. Remind us that we are all your children, part of the family you have created, and that you ask us to love each other as you love each of us. Please hear us now as we continue our confession 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 you free from the law of sin and of death. Friends, give thanks again for the great good news of the kingdom of God:

**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 #256 "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Wendy Wells

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

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

Laura Richardson, soloist

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Page 38, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING Ephesians 2:11-22

Page 181, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "Dividing Walls"

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