

MINISTRY OF GIVING

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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 #414 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #708 "Go Forth for God"

**Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right; Render to no one evil;
Christ at length shall overcome all darkness with his light.
Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.**

*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 16, 2017
11:00 a.m.*



*But as for what was sown on good soil,
this is the one who hears the word and understands it,
who indeed bears fruit and yields.
Matthew 13:23a*

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: Laura Richardson

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 119)

Liturgist: Laura Richardson

Leader: Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

All: Accept our offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach us your holy ordinances.

Leader: Your decrees are our heritage forever; they are the joy of our heart.

All: We incline our hearts to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #68 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when our hearts go far astray from you, when we lose ourselves in the busyness of our lives. Forgive us when there is silence between us, as we turn our backs and ignore the love and leading of your Spirit. Help us, Lord, to remember how much we are loved, and to include you in every moment of our lives. Please continue to hear us as we pray now 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 us free from the law of sin and of death.
Friends, hear again 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 #345 "Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Stephanie Dunn

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

ANTHEM "Come to Me" arr. Ward Gailey

Trio

Laura Richardson, Linda Roberts, Jeffrey Cochran

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Genesis 25:19-34

Page 20, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Page 13, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Rooted in Prayer"

Jeffrey Cochran, Terry Holmes, Jo Linda Ingram

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.