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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 #342 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #708 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

**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



**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 23, 2017  
11:00 a.m.**



*"Do not worry about anything,  
but in everything by prayer and supplication with  
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.  
Philippians 4:6*

## 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

#### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Judy Simmons

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 139)

Liturgist: Greg Lathrop

Leader: Search us, O God, and know our hearts;

**All: Test us and know our thoughts.**

Leader: See if there is any wicked way in us,

**All: And lead us in the way everlasting.**

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

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #123 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive us for the many times we turn our backs on you and try to fix it all ourselves. Forgive us when we forget or neglect you, and then grow weary under the weight of the world. Help us to come to you first, eagerly, as your beloved children. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 John 1:9)

Leader: If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Rejoice again at 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 #113 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

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

#### ANTHEM "I Need Thee Every Hour"

Lowry, arr. Kaiser

Ward Gailey

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Page 545 Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING Philippians 4:1-7

Page 187, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "Might As Well Pray!"

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