

OFFERTORY "His Eye Is On the Sparrow"
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*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 #458 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #708 "Go Forth for God"

**Go forth for God, go to the world in joy;
To serve God's people every day and hour, and serving Christ,
our every gift employ, rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.**

*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 30, 2017
11:00 a.m.**



*Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness;
for we do not know how to pray as we ought,
but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs
too deep for words.*

Romans 8:26

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: Tracey Clipper

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 105)

Liturgist: Sue Scheer

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,

All: Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

All: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #128 "Spirit, Working in Creation"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, you invite us into your presence daily, yet we do not always respond. Forgive us when we put other things first, when we give in to busyness and distraction instead of spending time with you. Help us to treasure you above all else. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Colossians 1:13-14)

Leader: God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Friends, give thanks again for the great good news of the gospel:

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 #478 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Tami Pass

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

ANTHEM "Amazing Grace"

Jonathan Gailey

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

Page 525, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Romans 8:26-39

Page 148, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Praying Without Words"

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