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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 #348 "Softly and Tenderly"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #393 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (verse 3)  
**We share our mutual woes, each other's burdens bear;  
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.**

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Hornpipe" (from Water Music)

George Frederic Handel



**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  
Glory Cumbow, Youth Director  
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus

Ward Gailey, Music Director  
Linda Hodges, Office Manager  
Nursery: Stephanie Phillips & Breon Williams

# *Stockbridge Presbyterian Church*

August 21, 2016  
11:00 a.m.



*Who is wise and understanding among you?  
Show by your good life that your works are done  
with gentleness born of wisdom.  
James 3:13*

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during this hour of worship.  
Otherwise, Susan will turn into her evil twin and give you The Look.)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

#### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY "Prelude in Classic Style"

Gordon Young

Acolyte: TBD

#### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Ron Scheer

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 #115 "Praise the Name of Jesus"

**Praise the name of Jesus, praise the name of Jesus. He's my Rock,  
he's my Fortress, he's my Deliverer, in him will I trust**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 71)

Liturgist: Sue Scheer

Leader: O Lord you are our hope, and in you we trust.

**All: Our praise is continually of you.**

Leader: Our lips will shout for joy when we sing your praises.

**All: All day long we will speak of your righteous help.**

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

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #426 "Blessed Assurance"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive us when we use our words to express anger, to hurt others. Forgive the times when our words bring pain instead of comfort, fresh wounds instead of healing. Help us to be led by your Spirit, and use the words you give us to bring encouragement and peace. Please hear us now as we continue our confession 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, rejoice again in the great good news of the gospel:

**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 #502 "Be Thou My Vision"

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Tami Pass

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

#### ANTHEM "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" arr. Hyslop

Sanctuary Choir

Sondra Martin, soprano; Arlene Lathrop, oboe; Greg Lathrop, harmonica

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE READING James 3:5-13

Page 216, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "Quenching Gentleness"

Glory Cumbow

## 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

#### OFFERTORY "Psalm"

Gordon Young