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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 #341 "Jesus Shall Reign"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #9 "Come, Let Us Praise the Lord" (verse 1)

Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God acclaim, his greatness tell abroad and bless his saving name. Lift high your songs before his throne to whom alone all praise belongs.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Zachary Smith



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

**August 30, 2015
11:00 a.m.**



*"You abandon the commandment of God
and hold to human tradition."*

Mark: 7:8

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: Isabella Newsome

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Jason Howard

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 #40 "For the Beauty of the Earth" (verse 5)

For thyself, best gift divine, to our race so freely given; for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 45)

Liturgist: Tom Francis

Leader: Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever.

All: Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity.

Leader: You love righteousness and hate wickedness.

All: We will praise you forever and ever.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #317 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we are stubborn. Forgive us when we proudly refuse to admit we are wrong. Forgive our blindness and self-absorption. Help us to trust you enough to open ourselves to your Spirit and your leading. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 5:1-2a)

Leader: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand. 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 #461 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Wendy Wells

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

ANTHEM "Awake, My Heart" Jane Marshall

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING James 1:17-27

Page 215, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Mark 7:1-8

Page 39, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The New/Old Church"

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

OFFERTORY

Zachary Smith