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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 #486 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord!"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #746 "Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing" (verse 1)

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace;
O direct us and protect us traveling through this wilderness.**

*POSTLUDE "Revive Us Again"

early American hymn, arr. Michael Burkhardt



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: Suzie Wharton and Allie Dunn

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

*September 9, 2018
11:00 a.m.*



So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during this hour of worship.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REPORT ON TRANSITION PROCESS

Jim Beisner

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "Prelude in D"

Louis Nicolas Clerambault

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Cooper Keller

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 #489 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 125)

Liturgist: Cooper Keller

Leader: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mt. Zion,

All: Which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

Leader: As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people,

All: From this time on and forevermore.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #113 "Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, too often our intentions are good, but our follow-up is lacking. Forgive us when we do not obey the leading of your Spirit, when we give in to laziness or distraction. Help us to find joy in serving you by serving others. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (From Romans 3:23-24)

Leader: Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, we are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Friends, give thanks again for God's amazing grace:

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Stephanie Dunn

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

ANTHEM "The Heavens Are Telling" Beethoven

Terry Holmes, soloist

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Page 570, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING James 2:14-17

Page 216, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Thoughts and Prayers"

Pastor 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 "Blessed are the Pure in Heart"

C. S. Lang