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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 FOR 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 # 66 "To God Be The Glory"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #614 "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our creator, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

\*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 our Christian faith and about our 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  
Mary Thompson, Christian Ed Coordinator  
Ward Gailey, Music Director

Zachary Smith, Musician  
Levena Hemmle, Office Manager  
Tom Francis, Custodian  
Nursery: Stephanie Phillips & Abigail Jenkins

# Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

May 26, 2013  
11:00 a.m.



*Through our Lord Jesus Christ we have obtained access to  
this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of  
sharing the glory of God.  
Romans 5:2*

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Aaron Roberts

### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Annie Laura Kelly

*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 "Meekness and Majesty"

*Meekness and majesty, human and deity, in perfect harmony, the One who is God.  
Lord of eternity, dwells in humanity; kneels in humility and washes our feet.*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 8)

Liturgist: Cindy Strong

Leader: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: **You have set your glory above the heavens.**

Leader: We look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established.

All: **O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

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

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE # 84 (verses 1-3 only) "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us for not letting go, for trying to keep control when you ask us to trust you, and allow you to do your work. Forgive us every time we think we know better. Help us to remember that we love only because you first loved us, and that we are safe in your hands, no matter what. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 5:1)

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, rejoice again in the great good news:

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 # 353 "Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Wendy Wells

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

#### ANTHEM "The Lord Is a Mighty God" by Jothen

Sanctuary Choir

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Page 557, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING Romans 5:1-5

Page 145, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "Signing Up For Suffering"

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.