

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Peyton Lewis

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: John Abbott

Please use this time for silent meditation and preparation for worship. Prayer cards are in the pew rack in front of you. Please place in the offering plate for inclusion in the morning prayers and addition to our church's prayer list.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**Those who are able, please stand.*

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT "Spirit of The Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 19)

Liturgist: John Dunn

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

All: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

All: The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN # 31 "I Sing The Almighty Power of God"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we take for granted those whom you have sent to serve in our midst. Forgive us when we ourselves grow weary of service, and turn away from your call to offer your love and care to the world. Help us to serve you always by serving others, and to love you by loving others. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 Timothy 1:15)

Leader: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Friends, give thanks again for God's amazing grace:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

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 #87 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Betsy Sierra

RALLY DAY PRESENTATION

ANTHEM "Dear Father, Lord and King"

Sanctuary Choir

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Mark 8:27-38

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Page 41, Pew Bible

SECOND READING James 3:1-12

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Page 216, Pew Bible

SERMON "The Ones Who Love Us"

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.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Old 100th

*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.*

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

*CLOSING HYMN #72 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Leaning on The Everlasting Arms"

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms!
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms!*

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY



Cary Castellaw

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
Cary Castellaw, Interim Music Director

Levena Hemmle, Office Manager
Tom Francis, Custodian
Nursery Attendants: Stephanie Phillips and Megan Bennett

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

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Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it."

Mark 8:34-35