

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "I Can Only Imagine" Music by Bart Millard

Zachary Smith

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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 #353 "Grace Greater than Our Sin"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #9 "Come, Let Us Praise the Lord" (verse 4)

**Come, hear his voice today, receive what love imparts;  
his holy will obey and harden not your hearts. His ways are best; and lead at last,  
all troubles past, to perfect rest.**

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY



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**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*

October 26, 2014

11:00 a.m.



*Jesus said, "Whoever is not against us is for us."  
Mark 9:40*

## 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

#### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Collin Roberts

### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Darin Clipper

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 #87 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" (verse 1)

**Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King;  
Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 90)

Liturgist: Laura Richardson

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,

**All: From everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

Leader: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

**All: So that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

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

#### \*OPENING HYMN #106 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive our efforts to tame you, to try and put you in our box. Forgive us when our pride leads us to believe that we alone have discerned your mysteries; that we alone know your truth. Remind us, Lord, that you are infinite and eternal, and that it is only through your compassion and love that we can come to know you at all. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 Timothy 1:15a)

Leader: The 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

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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 #356 "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Wendy Wells

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

#### ANTHEM "Come Thou Fount" from Sacred Harp

Sanctuary Choir

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING Numbers 11:16, 24-29

Page 125, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING Mark 9:38-41

Page 42, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "Children ... Not Robots"

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.**