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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 #668 "Wonderful Words of Life"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #462 "Revive Us Again" (verse 2)

**We praise thee, O God, for the Spirit of light, who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night.
Hallelujah! Thine the glory; Hallelujah, Amen! Hallelujah! Thine the glory; revive us again.**

*POSTLUDE "Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart"

Johann Erasmus Kindermann



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

October 14, 2018

11:00 a.m.



*Let us therefore approach the throne of grace
with boldness, so that we may receive mercy
and find grace to help in time of need.*

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.

CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

David Paxton

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Terry Holmes

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 #11 "Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

O for the living flame, from God's own altar brought,

To touch our lips, our minds inspire, and wing to heaven our thought.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 22)

Liturgist: Terry Holmes

Leader: You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All: We stand in awe of him, and will tell of his name to our brothers and sisters.

Leader: Future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn.

All: We praise him in the great congregation!

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #566 "Your Servant Comes This Hour"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, you promise us rest and forgiveness, but still we struggle and grow weary. We are sinners, and we too often cannot forgive ourselves for our wrongdoing; therefore we have trouble receiving your forgiveness, although you promise us generous mercy and restoration. Help us, Lord, to receive your grace and live the life of forgiveness and freedom that you have given us through your Son, Jesus. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Galatians 1:3b-4)

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father. 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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Tami Pass

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

ANTHEM "Jesus Loves Me" Bradbury
Amara Pass, soloist

Children's Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Page 446, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Hebrews 4:12-16

Page 206, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Plead Your Case"

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 "Bless Thou the Gifts Our Hands Have Brought"

Douglas E. Wagner