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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 #385 "Search Me, O God"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #706 "I Come With Joy" (verse 5)

Together met, together bound by all that
God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

*POSTLUDE "Recessional"

Humphrey Turner



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. Betsy Turner, Interim Pastor
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus
Linda Hodges, Office Manager

Ward Gailey, Music Director
Gena Ridgeway, Organist/Pianist
Nursery: Suzie Wharton and Allie Dunn

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

September 8, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"Just like the clay in the potter's hand,
so are you in my hand, O house of Israel."
Jeremiah 18:6*

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

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

Mercy Barlett

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Paul Szeto

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 #492 "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

Liturgist: Paul Szeto

One: As those who bear the likeness and blessing of God,

All: **as mortals charged with Christ's holy purpose,**

One: as a faithful people, searched and known by the Spirit,

All: **let us worship God together!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #31 "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, like children long indulged, we are quick to presume your pardon, your sanction of the way we live. We turn away from neighbors in need, sharing only the fragments that remain after our cravings have been met. Hear us now as we confess in silence the particular ways we need your grace...

~silence~

Merciful Maker, you created us for better use; remake us now. Where we are distorted, re-center and re-shape us, bring us low and raise us up. Then fire our hearts until we shine with your glory and find our place in your purpose. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news of the gospel: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation – everything old has passed away, everything has become new.

All: **God searches and knows us, and with loving hands, remakes and re-shapes us. By the power of the Spirit, we are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God!**

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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 "We Are Not Alone" Choplin

Sanctuary Choir

Laura Richardson, soloist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 139:1-18

Page 545, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Jeremiah 18:1-10

Page 677, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Like a Lump of Clay"

Rev. Betsy Turner

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.

INVITATION TO THE MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "Come, Ye Blessed" Scott

Ward Gailey