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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 #473 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #704 "We Meet As Friends At Table" (verse 4)

Fulfilled, and glad to follow wherever Christ may lead, we journey from the table to love a world in need  
with patience, truth and kindness, that justice may increase  
and all may sit at table in freedom, joy, and peace.

\*POSTLUDE



**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, Accompanist  
Nursery: Suzie Wharton and Allie Dunn

# Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

October 20, 2019

11:00 a.m.

*Twenty-Nine Sunday in Ordinary Time*



*"This is the covenant I will make: I  
will be their God, and they will be my people"*  
*-Jeremiah 31:33*

## 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

### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Stephanie Dunn

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 #704 "We Meet As Friends At Table" (verse 1)

**We meet as friends at table, to listen and be heard, united by the Spirit, attentive to the Word.**

**Through prayer and conversation we tune our varied views  
to Christ, whose love has made us the bearers of good news.**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Stephanie Dunn

One: Jesus calls us to pray always,

**All: but it is not always easy to remain so faithful.**

One: Jesus encourages us never to lose heart,

**All: but it is easy to feel discouraged.**

One: But this is why we gather!

**All: To share our stories and support each other,**

One: To hear Christ's call once again,

**All: To receive the Spirit's strength and encouragement.**

One: Let us worship God!

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #478 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you, for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice, for losing hope in your power to transform this world. Hear us now as we confess in silence the particular ways we need your grace...**

~silence~

**Have mercy upon us, O God. Tune our hearts to the sound of your justice, our hearts to your commandments, and our ears to your word of grace. Even when we forget you, remember your mercy toward us. In the name of Christ, Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, God gives us not only a second chance, but a new beginning. Hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

**All: Our salvation is through faith in Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God! 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

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Stephanie Dunn

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

#### ANTHEM "Trust in Jesus" Mark Hayes

Sanctuary Choir

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

Page 691, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING Luke 18:1-18

Page 76, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "Not Losing Heart"

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