

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There will be NO Wednesday Fellowship - July 14.
- Women's Bible Study on Thursday, July 15 at 10:00 am in the conference room.
- Sunday School, July 18 at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Worship Service, Sunday, July 18 at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Let's Talk on Thursday, July 22 at 7:30 pm, via zoom

Giving Tree: It is hard to believe but school is scheduled to start in just a month. We have started to collect school supplies for our 4 partner schools. You can take a card from the Giving Tree in the Fellowship Hall for items we are requesting and there is a basket in the Fellowship Hall for you to place your donations. Please contact Linda Roberts for any questions.

Prayer List:

Members: Michael Bennett, Joel Bryant, Jean Bunker, Peggy Chase, Bettye Cochran, Tom & Carolyn Francis, Jason & Phyllis Howard, Sandra & Dan Martin, Sara Moseley, Gene Park, Stephanie Phillips Ayoola, Sue Rodgers, Jane Rutledge, Joan Scott, Kim Seal, Sally Smith, Mark Stanley, Pat Stanley, Anne Watson

Prayers for Benton House - Covid lockdown, currently 9 cases between staff and residents

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July Head Elder: Stephanie Phillips Ayoola,
Ushers: Gene & Jo Linda Ingram
Soloist: Laura Richardson

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

July 11, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



*Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.*

Psalm 85:8 NRSV

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(Please silence all electronic devices during this hour of worship.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Aaron Roberts

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord. For the Lord is Good.

People: God's Love Endures Forever.

All: May our hearts and minds be engaged in worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aaron Roberts

HYMN #626 "O God of Every Nation" (verse 1 & 3)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of peace, Forgive us when we only have good intentions and do not commit ourselves to concrete action for peace and justice. Grant that our actions and our words may always promote peace. O God of love, you have created humankind to be one great family. Forgive our inability to be reconciled with others, both our dear ones and our enemies. O God of grace, you have given us the gift of speech to be an instrument for change. Forgive us for the times when we have spoken too hastily without thinking of the consequences, or have remained silent out of fear or indifference.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved and our sins forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Christ, God's salvation has come; God's peace kisses our cheeks, wiping away our tears, and faithfulness takes us by the hand to lead us home to God.

All: God has called us, God has claimed us, God has redeemed us. This is good news for all of creation! Thanks be to God. Amen.

ANTHEM "Peace Like a River"

Buryl Red

PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Aaron Roberts

SCRIPTURE Psalm 85:8-13

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Thanking God for Peace"

Pastor Kristy Ray

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE "Blessed Assurance"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Portion of Confession of 1967

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all.

BLESSING OF TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

Spoken

**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 DISCIPLESHIP "Amazing Grace" (verse 1,4, & 5)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

