

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

"To the Work"

Doane/Crosby

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Wednesday Fellowship via zoom - August 18 at 7:30 pm.
- Women's Bible Study on Thursday, August 19 at 10:00 am in the conference room, we are starting a new study - "From Daughters to Disciples"
- Let's Talk on Thursday, August 19 at 7:30 pm, via zoom, beginning new book "Be the Bridge"
- Drive - Thru Ice Cream Social, Saturday, August 21 from 2-4 pm
- Sunday School, August 22 at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall and zoom.
- Worship Service, Sunday, August 22 at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Prayer List:

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

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Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

August 15, 2021
11:00 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost



Those who hear but don't do the word are like those who look at their faces in a mirror. They look at themselves, walk away, and immediately forget what they were like.
James 1:23-24

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Stephanie Dunn

Leader: God has lavished us with every perfect gift from above

People: and called us to living intimacy through the beloved one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Let us worship the Lord our God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving, righteous God, our hearts are defiled with wickedness you hate. You have called us to yourself, but we have gone away. Forgetting your living Word, we cling to dead traditions. Deceiving ourselves, we abandon your commandments. Cleanse our hearts from evil intentions; cleanse our tongues from evil words so that our worship may be pure and undefiled and we may live with you in the love for others.

(prayer of silent personal confession).

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Our generous God has given us the perfect gift of forgiveness, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Who has made us new by the living Word, filling our hearts with God's love.

Leader: In Christ we are forgiven, Amen.

PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Kristy Ray

SCRIPTURE

James 1:17-27
Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Take a Look at Yourself in the Mirror"

Rev. Kristy Ray

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"O Lord, May All We Say and Do"

Tallis/Gillette

O Lord, may all we say and do, Reflect the faith we have in you;
For faith is meant to change the way, We live our lives from day to day.

God, may we open wide the door. And welcome people who are poor;
And may we share with them our bread, For faith without good works is dead.

Just as a spark can start a fire, Our words can damage or inspire;
We pray for wisdom from above. To speak and act in gentle love.

May we not covet earthly things, Or seek the riches this world brings;
May we not boast of all our plans, For, Lord, our lives are in your hands.

O Lord, possessions rust away, But your love fills us every day;
Through prayer and service in your name, May we live out the faith we claim.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Heidelberg Catechism

Leader: What is true faith?

People: True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted true, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.

BLESSING OF TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

"We've Come This Far By Faith"
Ward Gailey

Goodson

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.