

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak "

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* Stand in body and or spirit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Wednesday Fellowship via zoom - September 1 at 7:30 pm.
- Women's Bible Study on Thursday, September 2 at 10:00 am in the conference room.
- Let's Talk on Thursday, September 2 at 7:30 pm, via zoom.
- Sunday School, September 5 at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall and zoom.
- Communion Worship Service, Sunday, September 5 at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Beginning Sunday, September 12 - Children's Sunday School 9:15 am in choir room with Ward Gailey.
- Sunday, September 12—**Worship Service in the Sanctuary—11:00 a.m.**
- Sunday, September 19, Noon—Youth Group - Pizza with the pastor.

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 29, 2021
11:00 a.m.

Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost



No one can tame the tongue, though. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we both bless the Lord and Father and curse human beings made in God's likeness. Blessing and cursing come from the same mouth. My brothers and sisters, it just shouldn't be this way!
James 3:8-10

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Linda Roberts

Leader: We gather to worship in the presence of God,

People: as if we stood on God's holy hill.

Leader: We gather to worship as children of God,

People: as if we were standing in the waters of grace.

Leader: We gather to worship the living God,

People: for God is here among us.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You tell us, O Lord, who may abide in your presence, who may dwell on your holy hill: those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and who speak the truth from their heart. And yet, O Lord, we do not walk blamelessly. So often we stumble on the path of faith. The truth makes us nervous, and we pretend not to know what is right. Have mercy, O God. Convict us by your wisdom, cleanse us by your grace, challenge us by your presence, and, by your forgiveness, free us to try again.

(prayer of silent personal confession)

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Every good and perfect gift comes from above.

People: It is because of Christ and in Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Ward Gailey

PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Paul Szeto

SCRIPTURE

James 3:1-12

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Using Your Words to Build Up Not Tear Down"

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

"May the Words"

Ward Gailey

Stern and Kaiser

DOXOLOGY

Spoken

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Creator, Christ, 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.