

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Goodness & Groceries - Wednesdays at 5pm in Fellowship Hall.
- Choir Rehearsal - Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
- Women's Bible Study on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am in the conference room.
- "Let's Talk" on Thursday, October 14 at 7:30 pm, via zoom.
- The Wired World Sunday School - with Aaron Roberts - 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall and zoom.
- Children's Sunday School - 9:15 am in choir room with Ward and Lin Gailey.
- Beginning next Sunday, October 17 - Adult Sunday School Class with Jeffrey Cochran will resume at 9:15 am in the parlor.
- Youth Group, next Sunday, October 17 following Worship Service - Making pasta with Pastor Kristy. We look forward to having our middle & high school students.

Prayer List:

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

Friends & Family: Grace, Mona Cash, Emileigh Cawthon, Dorothy Clark, Elaine Clem, Ken Fitch, Nikki McGee, Penny Rose, Laura Seal, Jeff Smith, Annette Johnson Wickus

COAT CLOSET NEEDS:

Men's T-shirts (Medium to XXL) , Men's Socks

JOSEPH'S PANTRY NEEDS:

Green beans, Jelly, Soup, Pasta sauce

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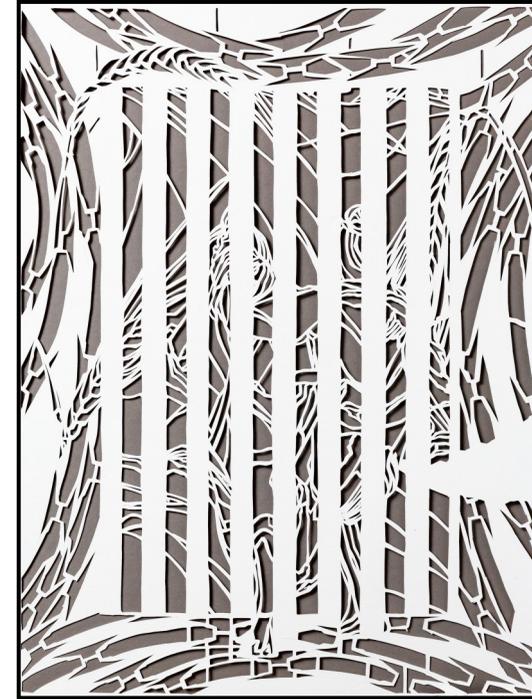
Ward Gailey, Music Director
Andrea Emmel, Interim Pianist
October Head Elder: Aaron Roberts
Ushers: Aaron Roberts

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

October 10, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost



If you come into this place with the hope of growing deeper, with the hope of connecting, with the hope of glimpsing God, and if all of those things take place, and your spirit is moved, and you swear God is near, and you feel more than lucky for the gift of faith, and then the service comes to an end, and it's time for you to leave, and you ask yourself, "Where do we go from here?" Then I would say to you, "Go out into the world to love and to share and to learn, but come back soon, because this is the beginning. This is only the beginning. So come on in. Fill your cup here. Be present here. God is here." Let us worship Holy God.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jack Shedd

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, We are naturals when it comes to stalling out. We reach a certain point in the relationship, in the conversation, in our faith, and then we stall. We buy property on the top of the plateau and build a house there, destined to never dig deeper or climb higher. Forgive us for giving up on the things that matter.

Forgive us for confusing the plateau with the mountain top. Forgive us for taking the easy way out instead of doing the hard work of curiosity, relationship-building, vulnerability, and connection. Inspire us to see new paths for where we can go from here. With hope and honesty we pray,

(prayer of personal silent confession)

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Family of faith, We are works in progress, but we are works in progress designed, created, and claimed by God. No matter what you have done or left undone this week, today is a fresh start. Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

All: God is with me on the mountain top, and God is with me on the plateau. I am loved, claimed, and forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

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 MESSAGE

Stephanie Phillips Ayoola

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 1:1-22

Leader:

The Word of the Lord.

All:

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “I’ve Been Meaning to Ask...Where Do We Go From Here?” Rev. Kristy Ray

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Guide My Feet”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 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.

BLESSING OF TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

“Almighty Father of All Things That Be”

Martin

DOXOLOGY

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.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Family of faith, as you leave this place, may God grant you the curiosity to counter assumptions, the vulnerability to befriend, the bravery to speak your truth, the wisdom to listen, the strength to ask for help, the resiliency to chose love, even when it’s hard, and the awareness of the Holy Spirit always beside you. In the name of the Great Connector—Love itself, go in peace.

POSTILUDE

* Stand in body and or spirit