

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Youth Group, today following Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall - Making pasta with Pastor Kristy. We look forward to having our middle & high school students.
- 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.
- Adult Sunday School Class with Jeffrey Cochran - 9:15 am in the parlor.
- Children's Sunday School - 9:15 am in choir room with Ward and Lin Gailey.

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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Andrea Emmel, Interim Pianist
October Head Elder: Aaron Roberts
Usher: Aaron Roberts

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

October 17, 2021
11:00 a.m.

Twenty-first Sunday of Pentecost



***“While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion. His father ran to him, hugged him, and kissed him.”
Luke 15:20***

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP "They'll Know We are Christians"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Beisner

HYMN OF PRAISE #559 "Here I Am Lord" (verses 1,3)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Holy One, The space between us is too great-

All: this agonizing expanse between you and us:

Leader: The rift we have created by demanding our share.

All: The distance we have put between us as we flee to a far country.

Leader: The resentment we hold when things don't seem fair.

All: Our refusal to join your gracious party.

Leader: Forgive each selfish request

All: each step away

Leader: each bitter thought

All: each joyless rejection.

Leader: Forgive us

All: and run toward us *with open arms.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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 Dunn

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 15:11-32

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"With Arms Wide Open"

Rev. Kristy Ray

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE #395 "We Are One in the Bond of Love"

*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.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Jacob Ingram

BLESSING OF TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

"Reach Out to Jesus"

Carmichael

Jacob Ingram

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 #38

"Touch the Earth Lightly"

*BENEDICTION

POSTILUDE

* Stand in body and or spirit