

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

"Jesus, We Are Here"
Ward Gailey

Matsikenyiri

*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 choose 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.

* Stand in body and or spirit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Goodness & Groceries, Wednesday, September 15 at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday Night Fellowship, Wednesday, September 15 at 7:30 pm, via zoom.
- Women's Bible Study on Thursday, September 16 at 10:00 am in the conference room.
- Let's Talk on Thursday, September 16 at 7:30 pm, via zoom.
- Sunday School, September 19 at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall and zoom.
- Sunday, September 19 - Children's Sunday School 9:15 am in choir room.
- Next Sunday, September 19, following Worship Service at 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.

Family and Friends of Liz Rieckmann, social media specialist for SPC.
Liz passed away Friday, September 3.

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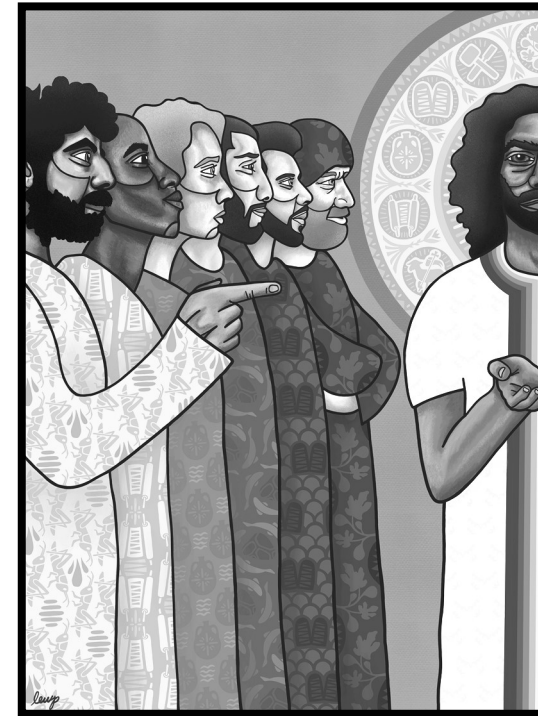
Ward Gailey, Music Director
Linda Roberts, Pianist
August Head Elder: Terry Holmes
Ushers: Sally Smith & Annetta Harper

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

September 12, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost



Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.
Genesis 2:7

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Otis Smith

Leader: We are from north and south.
People: We are from tiny apartments and expansive homes.
Leader: We are from this city and from others far away.
People: We are from big families and dinners made for one.
Leader: We are from stages of grief and stages of love.
People: We are from hot summers and cold winters.
Leader: We are from kitchens with passed down recipes,
and front porches with old, familiar swings.
**People: We are from the dust of the earth and the stars of
the sky. Today we are together.**
Leader: Holy God, gather us in.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: When people heard that Jesus was from Nazareth, they
asked, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?"
**People: We confess, God of beginnings, that we have asked the
same question.**
Leader: Can anything good come from that side of town?
People: From a school with poor test scores?
Leader: From a criminal history?
People: From the opposite political party?
Leader: From a history of addiction?
People: From a faith with doubt?
Leader: From a church with faults?
**People: Holy God, forgive us for doubting that you are in all
things at all times. Open our eyes to see your
goodness, not as something that resides here or there,
but as the expansive grace that it is.**
Leader: Can anything good come from there?
People: Yes, Always, yes. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Family of faith, if you ever ask yourself, "Can anything good
come from this messy and human life of mine?" Remember
this: God is always whispering, "Yes." You were created in
the image of God. Your origin story is one of goodness and
love from the very beginning. So hear and believe the good
news of the gospel:
**People: God is here. God is at work among us. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI

PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 2:4b-15
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND READING John 1:35-51
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "I've Been Meaning to Ask....Where Are You From" Rev. Kristy Ray

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE "We Are One in the Spirit"

*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 Fa-
ther 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 "In Christ There Is No East Or West."
Ward Gailey

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.**