

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

“Go Now in Peace”

Sleeth

Go now in peace, go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere you may go.

*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.

POSTILUDE

* Stand in body and or spirit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sunday, October 3 - Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing the nominating committee, following our Worship Service.**
- Goodness & Groceries - Wednesday, September 29 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, September 30 at 7:30 pm, via zoom.
- Adult Sunday School - 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 Sunday, October 17 - Adult Sunday School Class with Jeffrey Cochran will resume at 9:15 am in the parlor.

Prayer List:

Members: Carol Abbott, 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, 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, Family & Friends of Liz Rieckmann, Penny Rose, Laura Seal, Jeff Smith, Annette Johnson Wickus

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September Head Elder: Terry Holmes
Ushers: Paul & Janna Szeto

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

September 26, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost



Medical Miracle by Hannah Garrity Inspired by Mark 5:21-43 Paper lace

*In this image, syringes, vaccine vials, masks, and Holy Spirit doves pour down the page from Jesus' hem to the woman's hand—a cacophony of biblical and medical miracles. During the global COVID-19 pandemic, scientists, doctors, and nurses have stepped into their roles with gusto. They had no other choice; they were called to the work by God as Her disciples. Millions of people have died this year of COVID-19. Residual epidemics of systemic colonialist oppression have become painfully apparent across the globe and in all of our localities. ... Despite her condition, God calls her to this place; she had no other choice. I am inspired by her bravery. God calls her to demand the care she needs and the dignity she deserves. The power of her presence is palpable...
Where does it hurt? How can I help?*

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

PRELUDE Rev. Kristy Ray

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF PRAISE #631 "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

PURPOSE OF THE SERVICE

CALL TO CONFESSION Linda Roberts

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. For you are our rock, and yet we place our faith in sinking sand. You are our redeemer, and yet we are convinced that we must save ourselves. You are our source of unity, and yet we isolate ourselves in every way we can. You are our fount of forgiveness, and yet we fear that we will be condemned. Forgive us, O Rock. Forgive us, O Redeemer, and show us what it means to forgive one another.

(prayer of personal silent confession)

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 6

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN #379 "Kyrie"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Aaron Roberts

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 16:29-31; Luke 13:10-13

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN #285 "Jesus, Remember Me"

REFLECTION/MEDITATION "God Heals our Wounds" Rev. Kristy Ray

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE #630 "Healer of Our Every Ill"

*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 MISSION

BLESSING OF TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM "Praise His Holy Name" Keith Hampton

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

ANOINTING

During this time it is an opportunity for a few things, silent prayer in your seat, coming forward to receive an anointing by Rev. Kristy or Rev. Otis with oil and a prayer of healing or blessing upon request. It is a time to go write a prayer at the table on the side or time to just reflect on the words of worship or music.

If you cannot get up, raise your hand for one of the Pastors to come to you for anointing.

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.