

BLESSING OF TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

"Praise His Holy Name"  
Sanctuary Choir

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.**

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 #500

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTILUDE

*\*Stand in body and or spirit*

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# Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

February 20, 2022  
11:00 a.m.

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

## SERVICE OF HEALING AND RACIAL RECONCILIATION



***"In believing in the 'forgiveness of sins', we look to how the world, the church, and individuals have not lifted up people of all races and nations."***

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

PRELUDE

CHIMING THE TRINITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Kristy Ray

HYMN OF PRAISE #600

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Gracious Lord, we long to be made right in our standing with you, our relationship with one another, and our understanding of ourselves. We need to view our sin and its effects through the same eyes as our Father. We desire to have the posture of the Son toward our enemies and neighbors. We want to have the power of the Spirit informing our thoughts about ourselves. Gracious Lord, we desire to receive the remedy for the infection that has spread into our minds, our families, our churches, our society, and our government. We long for the healing and deliverance that are inaugurated through the supernatural release of confession. Show us the way to freedom through the honest uncovering and affirmation of our sins. Help us to be moved by the pursuit of truth-truth in our deepest parts.

**All: Spirit, empower us in our confession.**

Leader: Lord, we confess that we dwell in a nation built on the backs of the oppressed. Violence, bloodshed, and oppression are the means by which our nation has acquired wealth and dominance. We confess that a structure of racial oppression was formed at the beginning of our nation’s history, a system that, instead of being eradicated, has been adjusted to be palatable with the changing times. Gracious Lord, we confess that most often the church has played a role in establishing, cultivating, and protecting the foundations of the structural oppression that exists in our nation. We confess that the church has taken part in injustice and has often failed to protect your image bearers in its pursuit of political power and security. The body of Christ is meant to display your grace, compassion, and righteousness to the world, but our self-interest and comfort have taken priority over loving our neighbors. We have been willing to ignore the example and words of our Savior Jesus Christ in the pursuit of our own agendas.

**All: Spirit, empower us in our confession.**

Leader: Father, forgive us.

**All: Forgive us for how these sins—our sins—have contributed to the continued oppression of our fellow image bearers. Forgive us for how our complacent and self-interest have presented those in pain and suffering from receiving healing. Forgive us for how our pursuit of security, safety, and power has prevented those in bondage from being released. Forgive us for how our neglect of the true gospel of Jesus Christ has allowed a system of injustice to flourish and thrive. Forgive us for failing in these things and not glorifying your name in all the earth. Spirit, empower us in our confession.**

Leader: Gracious Lord, may our confession lay the groundwork for us to have reformed minds and to begin believing rightly. May our confession enable us to have a posture toward you, toward one another, and toward ourselves that models the one who sets the captives free, Jesus Christ. May our confessions be catalysts in the pursuit of renewal as we joyfully labor to bring your kingdom to bear for all—for the oppressed and the oppressor.

**All: May our confession pave the way to freedom. May our confession bring about healing. May our confession unleash deliverance. Spirit, empower us in our confession. Spirit, please show us the way.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Kristy Ray

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

Aaron Roberts

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 103:1-6, 10-12; Genesis 9

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“God's Provision and Humanity's Need”

Rev. Joshua Scott

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

“You Deserve It”  
Jayden Burch

J.J. Hairston

\*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.**