

August 25, 2024
10:00 AM Service of Worship
14th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Sampson

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God!

People: Worship God with gladness!

Leader: Come into God's presence with a song!

People: Know that the Lord is God.

Leader: God made us. We belong to God.

People: Give thanks to God! Bless the name of the Lord!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God!

*HYMN #54

Make a Joyful Noise to God!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**If we had known it was you, Lord,
we would have done something different.**

**If we had known it was you, Lord,
we would have given you food.**

**If we had known it was you, Lord,
we would have taken you in.**

**If we had known it was you, Lord,
we would not have passed you by.**

But we did.

**Too often we make excuses
for not taking care of each other.**

**We have ignored your commandments
to love and care.**

**We do not deserve forgiveness,
but we ask for it anyway,**

and ask you to help us change our ways.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE #581

Glory Be to the Father

***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.***

*THE PASSING OF GOD'S LOVE AND PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all ... **And also with you.**

Proclaiming the Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rosie England

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 25:31-39

p. 984

This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Women of the Church

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 25:40-46

p. 984

This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Meeting Jesus"

Pastor Stephen Choi

Responding to the Word

*DECLARATION OF FAITH (Insert)

A Brief Statement of Faith

*HYMN #442

Just as I Am, without One Plea

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bearing and Following the Word

*HYMN #727

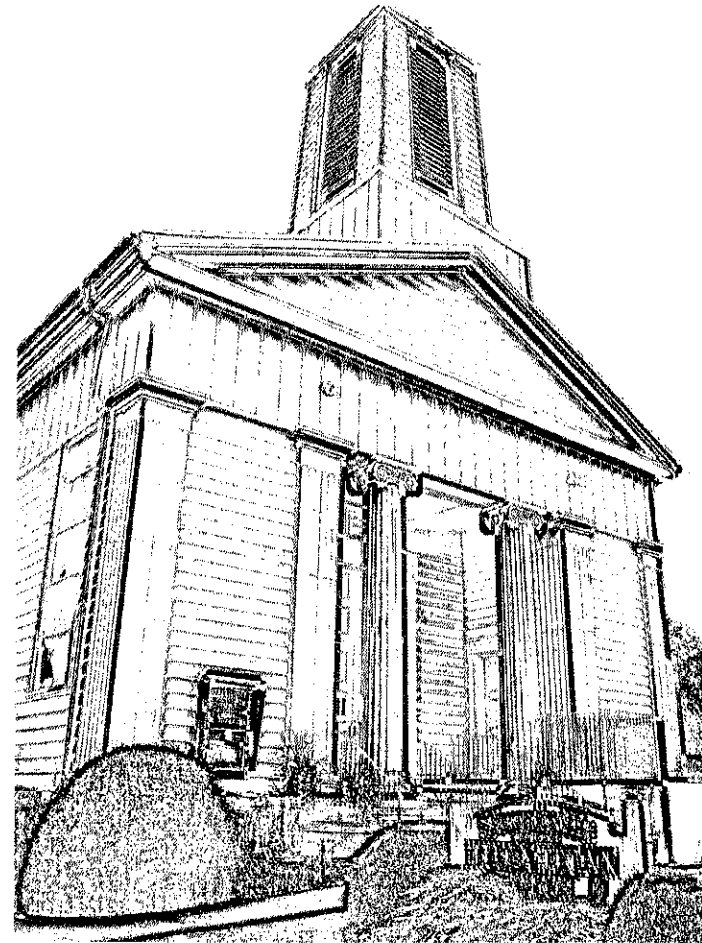
The Servant Song

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand if able

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Stewartsville Presbyterian Church

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PRAYER LIST OF THE CONGREGATION

(as of Aug. 21, 2024)

Dawn B.	Beverly K.	Nicholas C.
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Rachel S.	of Rome, NY	June G.
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Dennis M.	Ray & Anita M.	Antoinette G.
John E.	Duckworth/	Yvonne H.
Kennedy Family	Viebrock Family	Colton M.
Lorlyn H.	Jessie W.	Frank I.
Maddy W.	Mike L.	Jackie L.
Taylor S.	Baby Max	Jane R.
Gary B.	Brianna H. &	Greg R.
Charlie B.	Family	Steven M.
Joe S.	Ron & Paula N.	Jeffrey G.
Chas F.	Bill N.	Betty N.
Jackson Family &	Jim B.	Kevin O.
Felicity	Boatner Family	Renée's Parents

Victims of Violence and Natural Disasters
Justice and Peace
Students and Teachers
This Week's Mission Partner: Warren County
Habitat for Humanity

To submit a prayer request, please contact the church office at
 908-859-1399 or office@stewartsvillepc.org

OUR CONGREGATION IN MINISTRY

Assisting in Worship Today	Nancy Sampson
Greeter Today	Kay Piperato
Broadcast Team	Alan Deak and Bill Fleming
Nursery Today	Janis Clark and Carol Nixon
Hosting Time for Fellowship	Pam Alercia

Week Ahead at Stewartville Presbyterian Church

Today, 8/25: Time for Fellowship after Worship Service
 AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall
Wednesday, 8/28: AA, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall
Friday, 8/30: Women's Circle, 6:00 p.m., Key City Diner
Sunday, 9/1: Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.
 AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

Today, 8/25: Rosie England
 Sam Hurte
Monday, 8/26: James "Jimbo" Clark III
Thursday, 8/29: Matias Wagner
 Bob & Lorlyn Heinrich – Anniversary
Friday, 8/30: Rich Higginson
 Colleen Rountree
Saturday, 8/31: Joan Hart

Announcements

Welcome. Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We invite you to sign the pew pad as they are being passed. Restrooms are located downstairs in Roan Hall. We hope that the service is a blessing to you, and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

Time for Fellowship. Please join us for Time for Fellowship after our worship service today in Roan Hall. This is an informal time where we can share refreshments and conversations with one another.

Deacons' Offering. During the month of August, we are receiving a special offering to support the work and ministry of our Deacons. Please use the envelope in your offering box, or write a check and note "Deacons" on the memo line.

For online giving, please go to the church website (www.stewartsvillepc.org), Give Now, Deacons.

Announcements (continued)

Women's Circle. The Women's Circle will meet this Friday, Aug. 30, at 6:00 p.m. at Key City Diner, 985 Route 22, Phillipsburg.

For more information or to make a reservation, please call Linda Williams at 908-454-8104.

Regular Worship Schedule. We will return to our regular worship service schedule on Sunday, Sept. 8, with worship at 10:30 a.m.

We will celebrate Holy Communion during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sept. 8.

Sunday School. Beginning Sunday, Sept. 8, Children's Sunday School will be held during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Children will start worship with their families in the sanctuary, and will then be invited to join us downstairs after the Children's Sermon for Sunday School.

Sunday School will consist of a structured story/lesson/activity time. Sunday School is for children ages 3 through 6th grade. The Nursery will still be staffed for any children younger than 3-years-old.

On Communion Sundays, the children will be brought up at the start of Communion to join their families to partake in the Sacrament together.

The Adult Sunday School will meet at 9:20 a.m. in the library and on Zoom, beginning Sunday, Sept. 15. We will continue our study of the Gospel of Mark.

Rally Day Picnic. Please join us for our Rally Day Picnic after the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Sept. 8.

The Fellowship Committee will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls, and beverages. Those attending are asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

Please see the insert in today's bulletin for more information.

Friday Morning Devotional Group. The Friday Morning Devotional Group will resume meeting each Friday at 8:00 a.m. beginning on Friday, Sept. 13. The group meets in person in the library and on Zoom.

We will be reading "Spiritual Classics" by Richard Foster and Emilie Griffin for our upcoming study.

The group will meet for coffee and fellowship at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 6, at Panera.

If you are interested in participating, please let Pastor Stephen know.

Voices Needed! Our choir will meet for the first rehearsal of the season on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room behind the sanctuary.

All interested new members, ages 13 and above, are encouraged to join us every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room. We will be singing during the 10:30 a.m. worship service each week.

No musical experience is necessary, so come join the fun with our growing choir! We look forward to lifting our voices to the Lord!

Blood Drive. We will be sponsoring a blood drive with the Miller-Keystone Blood Center, on Sunday, Sept. 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the church.

We still need to have 13 people sign up to donate.

Anyone wishing to donate can call Cindy Bowman at 908-859-2823 or 908-619-8697 or email her at cmbowman1023@gmail.com to set up an appointment.

Catholic Charities Food Pantry. We continue to donate food and toiletries to the Catholic Charities Food Pantry.

At this time, the food pantry is in particular need of peanut butter and jelly, canned tuna and chicken, soup, and canned fruit, as well as grocery bags.

Devotionals. The following daily devotionals are available on the table in the sanctuary, or by calling the church office:

- "Our Daily Bread," Sept./Oct./Nov. issue.
- "Today," Sept./Oct. issue.
- "Our Daily Bread," large-print edition, July/Aug./Sept. issue.

Pray for This Week's Mission Partner: Warren County Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity was founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, durable place to live in dignity and safety, and that decent shelter in decent communities should be a matter of conscience and action for all. Warren County Habitat for Humanity is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization operated on Christian principles that seeks to put God's love into action by building homes, communities and hope. Our Deacons provide lunch throughout the year to the volunteers at the build site.