

Dorcas (Tabitha)



Acts 9:36-43

STOCKBRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PREPARE YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING WORSHIP

† You are invited to stand, as you are able, when you see this symbol

SETTING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

REFLECTION

MARK HAYES

CHIMING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 139

Jim Beisner

One : We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God, who, like a mother, knows us intimately, loves us unconditionally, teaches us the way we should go, and comforts us in times of need.

Many: Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

† **HYMN OF PRAISE** #96 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, You have surrounded us with kindness. You call us to live with compassion. To share freely, to live not for ourselves alone but for each other. And yet, we forget. We forget that we belong to one another. We turn inward, clinging to comfort, ignoring the beauty of others' gifts. Forgive us, Lord, for hearts that grow hard and eyes that look away. Stir in us a deeper gratitude for the goodness around us, and give us courage to be your love in action. In your mercy, renew us. (time of silent personal confession). **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

One: God's mercy overflows as a healing spring to cleanse us of our offenses.

Many: As a people we receive the forgiveness of God and will work to remember and live out our calling to have new life in Christ. Amen.

† **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

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHURCH

Paul Szeto

SCRIPTURE

Acts 9:36-43

SERMONTabitha (*translated as Dorcas*)

Rev. Kristy Ray

† **HYMN OF RESPONSE** #364 Woman in the Night† **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 arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence 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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**ANTHEM**

A Mother's Prayer

Carol Sager

PRAYER OF DEDICATION† **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly host
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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** #497 Find Us Faithful† **BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE**

Come My Soul

Terry Osman

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SPC

MAY 18TH- GRADUATION RECOGNITION SUNDAY

**JUNE 8TH- PENTECOST SUNDAY CHURCH PICNIC AND WORSHIP WITH
TRANSFORMATION COVENANT CHURCH**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - THURSDAYS 10AM

SUNDAY MORNINGS

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP 9AM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:20**

**WIRED WORD WITH AARON ROBERTS
(IN PERSON AND ONLINE)**

THROUGH THE BIBLE WITH JEFFREY COCHRAN

**OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS
AA- MEETS EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY AT
7PM**

CUB SCOUTS- TUESDAYS 6PM

BOY SCOUTS MEETS TUESDAYS 7PM

GIRL SCOUTS EVERY OTHER SUNDAY 3PM

FA (FOOD ADDICTS)-SATURDAY AT 10AM

**JOSEPH'S PANTRY CLOTHES CLOSET
SMITH-BARNES ELEMENTARY -SCHOOL DEBT
THE MILL-LOCAL TRAILER PARK COMMUNITY**

PRAYER LIST:

Members: Joyce Andrews, Joel Bryant, Jean Bunker, Edna Fisher, Carolyn Francis, Lee Hart, Faith Heffernan, Jason & Phyllis Howard, Bob Johnson, Thelma Newsome, Stephanie Phillips-Ayoola, Sue Rogers & Family, Jane Rutledge, Judy Simmons, Sally Smith, Pat Stanley, Lin Gailey and family, Sandra Martin, Cathy Wegner, Collette Shedd.

Friends & Family: David Ayoola, Lynne Barbagello, Lynnette Branch, Bill Cadwallader, Larry Clark, Ms. Crenshaw, Ken Day, Mr. Fenlon, Linda Leonard, Marida Lin, Marlene McClean, Betty Pickren, Kendall Phillips, Mark Stanley, Loan & Jack Szeto, Junior White, Annette Johnson Wickus, Betty Gailey, Karl Kesler (Shannon Huggins father), Barry Brock's family and friends (Cathy Wegner's family), Emily Buttrell, Isiah Phillips (Stephanie's son), Ned Isaacson (friend of Linda Roberts), Melissa & Thomas Gilbert (Stephanie's sister), Tammy Nettles (friend of Suzie P), Nita Scippio, Julie & Tim Rogers-Martin, Diane Ray, Joshua Beck, Jennifer Holcomb's family and friends (Ingram's neighbor), Ammon Grant Martin (Sandra Martin's grandson), Joy Rogers Anaston, Mary Brannon, Ms. Cindy, Sarah Baker, Butch Baker, June Moloney, Jim Ray, Tom Smith.

Bereavement: Mike Schulz (3/15/25), Charlotte Cherry (3/21/25), Jennifer Holcomb (4/9/25)

REV. KRISTY RAY, PASTOR
MAY HEAD ELDER: BETSY SIERRA
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR: KELLI AUTREY

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ANDREA EMMEL, MUSIC DIRECTOR