

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

When passing the bread to your neighbor say, "The body of Christ, broken for you."

When passing the cup to your neighbor say, "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

We will hold each element until all are served and then partake together.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RECESSIONAL HYMN # 295 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" Descant by W. Gailey

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!

Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!

Praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Zachary Smith

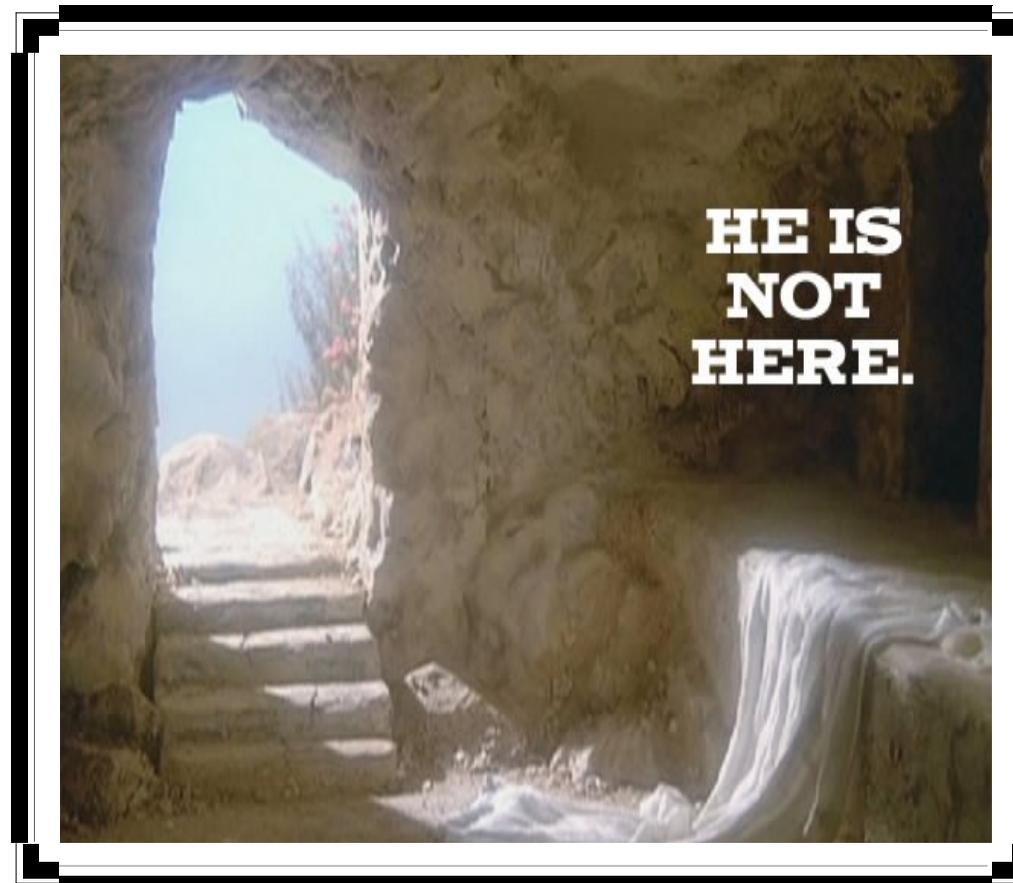


WELCOME VISITOR! We are delighted that you are here to share worship of our Lord Jesus this morning together with the rest of us. We want you to be well informed about the Christian faith and about the church so don't be afraid to ask. You may communicate with us in several ways. Ask a neighbor in your pew, fill out a blue first-time visitor card, add your name to the Ritual of Friendship pad and by all means do not hesitate to contact our pastor. May God bless you this morning and throughout the week.

Rev. Susan Bennett, Pastor
Ward Gailey, Music Director
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director
Zachary Smith, Musician

Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Tom Francis, Custodian
Nursery Attendants: Stephanie Phillips, Megan Bennett

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church



Easter Sunday

April 5, 2015

11:00 a.m.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices.)

Please use this time for silent meditation and preparation for worship. Prayer cards are in the pew rack in front of you. Please place in the offering plate for inclusion in the morning prayers and addition to our church's prayer list.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Those who are able, please stand.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Zachary Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 118)

Liturgist: Arlene Lathrop

Leader: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous!

People: The Lord is our strength and our might; he has become our salvation!

Leader: We shall not die, but we shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

People: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship Lord!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #288 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Descant by W. Gailey

Linda Roberts, Synthesizer

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, on this day of all days, let there be no unconfessed sin between you and us. Forgive us the wrong that we do, and the right that we do not do. Forgive us when we ignore the light of Jesus Christ and choose to remain in the darkness. Remind us that your love is greater than our sin, and that your grace covers our shortcomings. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 8:1-2)

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and of death. My friends, rejoice again in the great good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

GLORIA

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

*HYMN OF CONSECRATION #310 "Thine is the Glory"

BAPTISM OF ALLISON JANE FUQUA

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(Children will be dismissed to Children's Worship.)

Wendy Wells

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Isaiah 25:6-9

Page 613, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Alleluia" by Ed Harris

SECOND READING John 20:1-18

Page 108, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Now... and Then"

Rev. Susan Bennett

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The 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.

MINISTRY OF GIVING

Sanctuary Choir

OFFERTORY "Our Risen Lord", by Laura Henderson

Arlene Lathrop, Oboe

Allison Johnson, Lin Gailey, Laura Richardson, Linda Roberts

*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;**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.