

OFFERTORY "Meditation"

Theodore W. Ripper

*DOXOLOGY

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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.

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 SENDING #66 "To God Be the Glory"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #97 "Meekness and Majesty"

Meekness and Majesty, human and deity, in perfect harmony,
the One who is God. Lord of eternity, dwells in humanity; kneels in humility and washes our feet.
O what a mystery, meekness and majesty; bow down and worship, for this is your God.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "They Who Will Let God Guide Them"

Johann Sebastian Bach



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
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director
Ward Gailey, Music Director
Dorothy Clark, Organist

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

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

February 14, 2016
11:00 a.m.



*With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
Isaiah 12:3*

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during this hour of worship.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Acolyte: Sydney Holloway

Spanish hymn, arr. Clark

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Terry Holmes

Please use this time for silent meditation and preparation for worship. Prayer cards are in the pew rack in front of you for submission to church prayer list.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Those who are able, please stand.

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #108 "There's Something About That Name"

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus: there's just something about that name!

Master, Savior, Jesus, like the fragrance after the rain; Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all heaven and earth proclaim: Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, but there's something about that name.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 136)

Liturgist: Terry Holmes

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

All: For his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: O give thanks to the God of heaven,

All: For his steadfast love endures forever.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #148 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, our need for you is profound. Forgive us when we try to meet that need elsewhere, ignoring your Spirit in favor of pastimes that keep us separated from you. Forgive us when we settle for entertainment instead of the deep joy of your presence. Remind us that you, and you alone, can provide the contentment we seek. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Colossians 1:13-14)

Leader: God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Friends, rejoice again in God's amazing grace:

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

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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 #554 "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Betsy Sierra

(Children will be dismissed to Children's Worship following the anthem.)

HANDBELL ANTHEM "Dona Nobis Pacem" (Grant Us Peace)

traditional German, arr. Clark

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 136:1-3

Page 543, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Isaiah 12:2-6

Page 603, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "We Can't Live Without Water"

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.

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