

OFFERTORY "Higher Ground" Arr. Mark Hayes

Zachary Smith

*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 #426 "Blessed Assurance"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #113 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" (verse 3)

With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise, send forth the hymns the saints
have loved, The psalms of ancient days. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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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
Zachary Smith, Musician

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

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

**February 15, 2015
11:00 a.m.**



*Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there
came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"*

Mark 9:7

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

Acolyte: Sydney Holloway

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Tony Williams

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 #56 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (verse 3)

We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us.

Our Savior saw our helplessness and came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord, who is by one and all adored: To God all praise and glory!

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 50)

Liturgist: Jeffrey Cochran

Leader: The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

All: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Leader: God calls to the heavens above and to the earth:

All: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #17 "Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, the world is noisy, filled with voices that would distract us and lead us away from you. Forgive us when we forget you and lose ourselves. Help us, in the midst of our busyness, to remember you, and to listen for your voice of peace among the many that fill our heads. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 5:1-2)

Leader: We are justified by faith, and we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand. Friends, rejoice again in the great good news of the kingdom of God:

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 #405 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

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

ANTHEM "I Look to Mountains High" Antonio Caldara, arr. Hopson

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING 2 Kings 2:1-12

Page 317, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Mark 9:2-9

Page 41, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "High Drama"

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