

OFFERTORY

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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 #72 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #593 (verse 3) "Lord, Speak to Me"

**O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things which you impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart**

*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 our Christian faith and about our 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, Muscian

Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Tom Francis, Custodian
Nursery: Stephanie Phillips & Abigail Jenkins

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

February 16, 2014

11:00 a.m.



*God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship
of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

1 Corinthians 1:9

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: Collin Roberts

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 #128 (verse 3) "Spirit, Working in Creation"

Spirit, driving to the desert even God's Anointed One: come to us in trial and testing that God's will in us be done. Spirit breathed on the disciples, giving peace where there was fear: come among us, touch us, send us, making Jesus' presence near.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 40)

Liturgist: Jeffrey Cochran

Leader: Happy are those who make the Lord their trust!

All: O Lord, you have multiplied your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us.

Leader: None can compare with you!

All: Great is the Lord.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #48 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive our short memories. Forgive us when we forget your faithfulness. Forgive us when we despair in the midst of difficulties, forgetting the many times you have delivered and healed us. Remind us of your constant presence with us, and your love and grace that are the foundation of our lives. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 Timothy 1:15)

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Friends, rejoice again in the great good news of the gospel:

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 #631 "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sue Scheer

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

ANTHEM "Come to Me" Don Flewelling

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Page 155, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Psalm 40

Page 486, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Patience and Praise"

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.