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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 #344 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #9 "Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"

**In worship bow the knee, our glorious God confess;
the great Creator, he, the Lord of Righteousness. He reigns unseen:
his flock he feeds and gently leads in pastures green.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Postludium"

Gordon Young



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
Dorothy Clark, Organist
Glory Cumbow, Youth Director
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus

Ward Gailey, Music Director
Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Nursery: Suzie Wharton & Breon Williams

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

February 19, 2017

11:00 a.m.



*If you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
Isaiah 58:10*

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 "The Summons"

Scottish melody, arr. Christine Sullivan Robbins

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Aaron Roberts

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 119)

Liturgist: Aaron Roberts

Leader: Teach us, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and we will observe it to the end.

All: Give us understanding, that we may keep your Word.

Leader: Lead us in the path of your commandments, for we delight in it.

All: In your righteousness, give us life.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #502 "Be Thou My Vision"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we are deliberately blind to the needs of those around us. Forgive us when we pride ourselves on the trappings of religion, but neglect to reach out to the hungry, the poor, those who are ignored or neglected. Keep our hearts soft, Lord, and fill us with your compassion and love. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 John 1:9)

Leader: If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 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 #350 "The Summons"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Mary Carol Stanley

ANTHEM "The Lord Is a Mighty God" Mendelssohn, arr. Christiansen

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 58:1-12

Page 647, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Perceived Complexity"

Glory Cumbow

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

OFFERTORY "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Lowell Mason, arr. Gordon Young