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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 #252 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #554 "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound" (verse 1)

**We have heard the joyful sound; Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Spread the tidings all around: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Bear the news to every land, climb the steeps and cross the waves;
Onward! 'tis our Lord's command: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Lenten March"

Luigi Bottazzo



Note: Our preacher today is Rev. Al Myers, Honorably Retired, PC(USA)

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
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus

Ward Gailey, Music Director
Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Nursery: Suzie Wharton and Allie Dunn

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

February 25, 2018

11:00 a.m.



*He will again have compassion upon us;
He will tread our iniquities under foot. You
will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.
Micah 7:19*

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 "Fourfold Praise"

Kathleen Wissinger

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Laura Richardson

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 #251 "I Come to the Cross"

I come to the cross seeking mercy and grace;

I come to the cross where you died in my place.

Out of my weakness and into your strength; humbly I come to the cross.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 5)

Liturgist: Lee Hart

Leader: Through the abundance of your steadfast love, we enter your house.

All: We bow down in your holy temple, in awe of you.

Leader: Lead us, O Lord, in your righteousness; let all who take refuge in you rejoice;

All: That those who love your name may exalt in you.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #106 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, we confess that too often we do not choose to deny ourselves, and we do not choose to carry our cross and follow you. Forgive us for the times we give in to temptation and our hearts are selfish and cold. Help us, Lord, to open ourselves fully to your love and grace. Please hear us now as we continue our confession 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 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 #284 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

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

ANTHEM "Wondrous Love" American Folk, arr. DeCou

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Micah 7:18-20

Page 818, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Romans 3:21-26

Page 144, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Do Your Feet Reach the Floor?"

Rev. Al Myers

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 "Voluntary for Lent"

John Zundel