

OFFERTORY "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

Gerald Peterson

\*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 #277 "My Savior's Love"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #554 "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound"

**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 "Lift High the Cross"

Paul Manz



**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 & Allie Dunn

# *Stockbridge Presbyterian Church*

*March 18, 2018*

*11:00 a.m.*



*But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great  
love with which he loved us even when we  
were dead through our trespasses, made us  
alive together with Christ.*

*Ephesians 2:4-5a*

## 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 "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" (My Savior's Love) arr. Cindy Berry

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD Beadle: John Dunn

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 57) Liturgist: John Dunn

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;

**All: We will sing praises to you among the nations.**

Leader: For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens; your faithfulness extends to the clouds.

**All: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens. Let your glory be over all the earth.**

**All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #96 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive us when we take you for granted, when we forget the depth of your love and imagine somehow that we could save ourselves. Forgive our pride and complacency. Remind us that we have been bought with a price, and the price for our salvation was the death of your Son. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 John 1:9)

Leader: If we confess our sins, God 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 #419 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Tami Pass

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

ANTHEM "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" Mueller

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 51:1-12

Page 492, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Ephesians 2:1-10

Page 181, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Born That Way"

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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