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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 #96 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (verses 1,3,4,5)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #590 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" (verse 4)

**Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Zachary Smith



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

**March 22, 2015
11:00 a.m.**



"Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

John 12:24

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during this hour of worship.
Otherwise, Susan will turn into her evil twin and give you The Look.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Marie Anne LaFaye Coutin-Baxter

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Ron Scheer

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 #97 "Meekness and Majesty" (verse 1)

Meekness and majesty, human and deity, in perfect harmony, the One who is God.

Lord of eternity, dwells in humanity; kneels in humility and washes our feet. O what a mystery, meekness and majesty; bow down and worship, for this is your God.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 51)

Liturgist: Cooper Keller

Leader: Create in us a clean heart, O God,

All: And put a new and right spirit within us.

Leader: Restore to us the joy of your salvation,

All: And sustain in us a willing spirit.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #31 "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we are selfish. Forgive us when you open a door for us to serve, but we close the door and care only for ourselves. Forgive us when we consistently put our own needs before the needs of others. Remind us that to whom much has been given, much will be required. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Ephesians 1:7-8a)

Leader: In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. 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 #261 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Betsy Sierra

(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 Jeremiah 31:31-34

Page 691, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING John 12:20-33

Page 100 Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "When Death Means Life"

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

OFFERTORY "Sweet Is the Name of Jesus" Handel, arr. Wilson

Brooklyn Allen, soloist