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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 #525 "When We All Get to Heaven"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #97 (verse 1) "Meekness and Majesty"

**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.**

*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 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, Musician

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

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

March 23, 2014

11:00 a.m.



We also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Romans 5:3-5

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: Alex Seal

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 #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 95)

Liturgist: Cooper Keller

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord!

All: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #411 "How Firm a Foundation"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we complain. Forgive us when we forget your faithfulness and let our circumstances bring us down. Help us to remember your constant presence with us, and your mercy, that never fails. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 5:1-2a)

Leader: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand. Friends, give thanks again for God's unfailing mercy:

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 #353 "Grace Greater than Our Sin"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

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

ANTHEM "His Love Never Fails" Craig Courtney

Sanctuary Choir
Terry Holmes, soloist
Greg Lathrop, harmonica

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Exodus 17:1-7

Page 61, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Romans 5:1-11

Page 145, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Learning the Hard 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.

OFFERTORY

Zachary Smith