

OFFERTORY "On Easter Morning Early"

Sarah Douglas

*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;**

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.

*HYMN OF SENDING #302 "He Lives"

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #289 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" (verse 1)

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Thine Is the Glory"

arr. Terry L. Baldrige

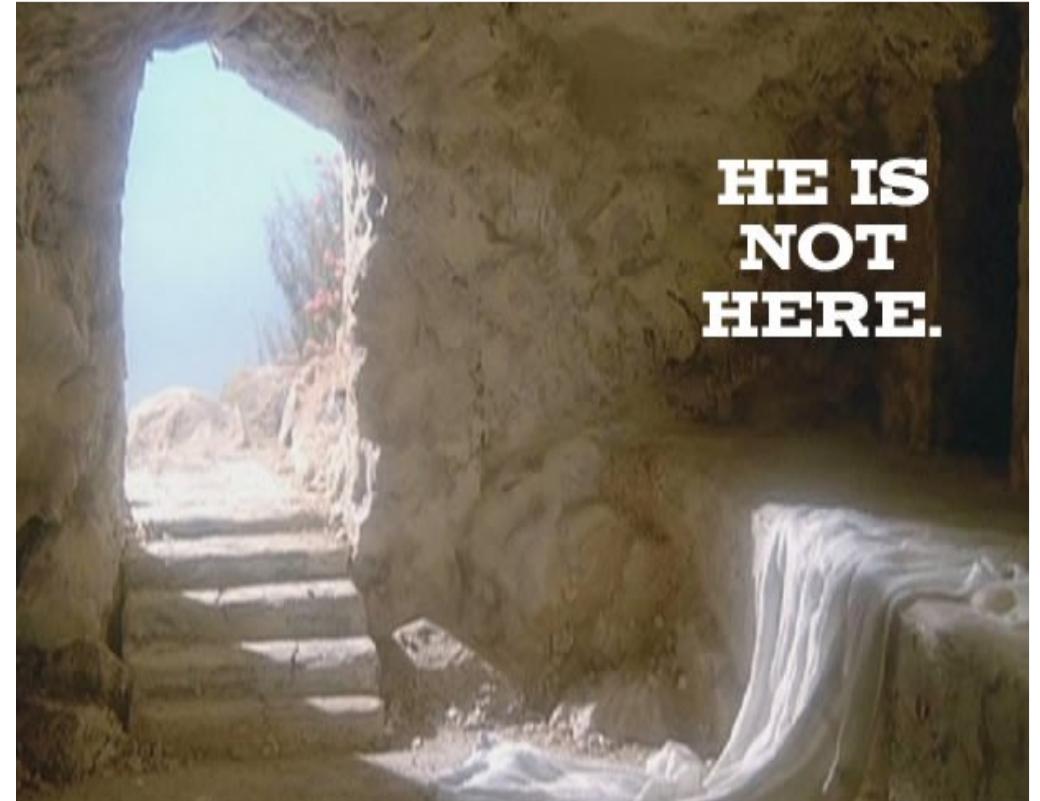


WELCOME VISITOR! We are delighted that you are here to share worship of our Lord Jesus this morning together with the rest of us. We want you to be well informed about our Christian faith and about our church so don't be afraid to ask. You may communicate with us in several ways. Ask a neighbor in your 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
Dorothy Clark, Organist
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus

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

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church



Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018

11:00 a.m.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices.)

Please use this time for silent meditation and preparation for worship. Prayer cards are in the pew rack in front of you. Please place in the offering plate for inclusion in the morning prayers and addition to our church's prayer list.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Those who are able, please stand.

*CHORAL INTROIT "Easter Song" arr. Gailley
Sanctuary Choir

RINGING OF THE HOUR

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Festive Celebration" Kevin McChesney
Handbell Choir

(At the conclusion of the Opening Voluntary, please rise for the Call to Worship.)

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #298 "The Day of Resurrection!" (verse 1)

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.**

**From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 30, Lamentations 3)
Liturgist: Laura Richardson

Leader: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes in the morning!

All: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

Leader: His mercies never come to an end.

**All: They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness!
All: The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #288 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, on this day of all days, let there be no unconfessed sin between you and us. Forgive us for the wrong that we do, and for the right that we do not do. Forgive us when we ignore the living light of Jesus Christ and choose to remain in the darkness. Remember us that your love is greater than our sin, and that your grace washes away our shortcomings. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

MINISTRY OF GIVING

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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SERMON "God With Us"

Rev. Susan Bennett

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

SECOND READING Luke 24:13-35

Page 84, Pew Bible

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

FIRST READING Psalm 114

Page 532, Pew Bible

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ANTHEM "Alleluia" J.S. Bach

Sanctuary Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

*HYMN OF CONSECRATION #310 "Thine is the Glory"

PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the

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All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

of death. My friends, rejoice again in the great good news of the gospel:

the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 8:1-2)