

OFFERTORY

Zachary Smith

*DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

**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 #302 "He Lives"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #295 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" (verse 1)

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our lose, Alleluia!**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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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

**April 12, 2015
11:00 a.m.**



Jesus said to them, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

John 20:21

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: Monica Andrea Coutin-Baxter

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Aaron Roberts

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 #310 "Thine Is the Glory" (verse 1)

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Thine is the glory, risen conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 133)

Liturgist: Jeff Cochran

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

All: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

Leader: For there the Lord ordained his blessing:

All: Life forevermore!

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #294 "Christ Arose!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we are fearful. Forgive us when fear keeps us from moving ahead on the path you have prepared for us. Forgive us when fear causes us to be angry or unkind. Help us to be so filled with your Spirit that we trust you without fear or reluctance. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence...

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

Leader: God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Friends, give thanks again for the great good news of the gospel:

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 #461 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

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

ANTHEM "Rise Up My Heart with Gladness" J.S. Bach

Ward Gailey

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 133

Page 543, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING John 20:19-31

Page 108, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Peace Be with You"

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