

OFFERTORY "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

Johann Pachelbel

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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 #372 "I Then Shall Live"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #302 "He Lives"

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Jesus, and Shall It Ever Be"

Johann Kindermann



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 and Allie Dunn

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

April 15, 2018
11:00 a.m.



*No one who abides in him sins;
no one who sins has either seen him
or known him.
1 John 3:6*

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 "Concerto in G"

Johann Sebastian Bach

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 "The Day of Resurrection"

**O let the heavens be joyful! Let earth its song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen, our Joy that has no end.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 25)

Liturgist: Sue Scheer

Leader: Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths.

All: Lead us in your truth, and teach us.

Leader: You are the God of our salvation!

All: You show us the way that we should choose.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #66 "To God Be the Glory"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we choose to live on the surface of life, when we ignore you, when we are unkind to others. We call you our Lord, but we do not always live as if we believe it. Help us to humble ourselves daily and seek you with determination, faith, and trust. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Galatians 1:3b-4)

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father. Friends, give thanks again for the great good news of the gospel:

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

*GLORIA PATRI

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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 #443 "Trust and Obey"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Monica Coutin-Baxter

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

ANTHEM "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" Gordon Young

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 4

Page 464, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-7

Page 225, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Abiding in Jesus"

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