

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 #294 "Christ Arose!" (verse 1)

Low in the grave he lay — Jesus my Savior, waiting the coming day — Jesus my Lord!
Up from the grave he arose with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Song of Rejoicing"

Robert J. Hughes

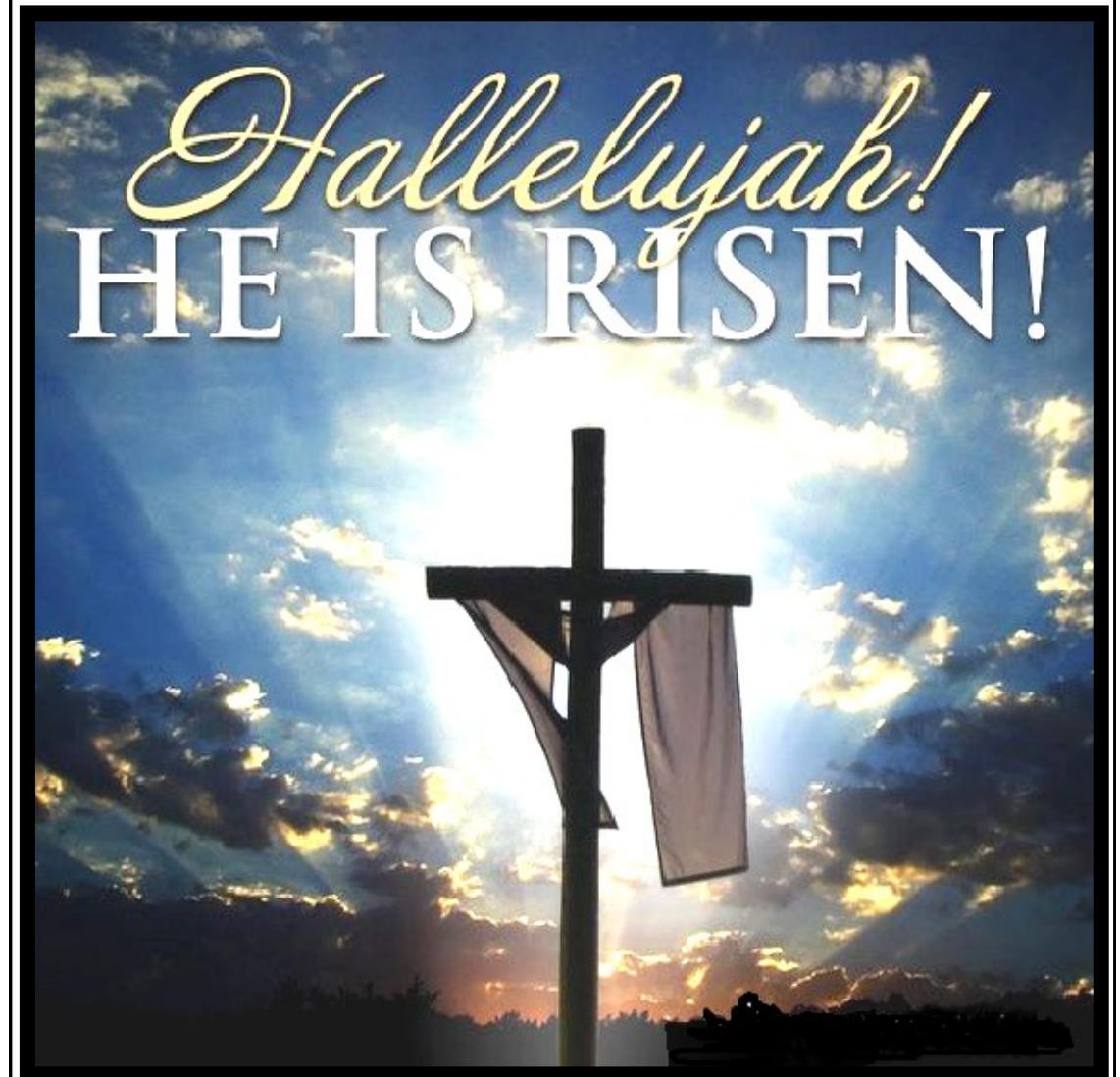


WELCOME VISITOR! We are delighted that you are here to share worship of our Lord Jesus this morning together with the rest of us. We want you to be well informed about our Christian faith and about our church so don't be afraid to ask. You may communicate with us in several ways. Ask a neighbor in your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

Ward Gailey, Music Director
Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Nursery Attendants: Suzie Wharton & Breon Williams

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church



April 16, 2017

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.

*INTROIT FOR EASTER "Jubilate, Amen" traditional air, arr. Ruby Shaw Hollis Handbell Choir

RINGING OF THE HOUR

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Alleluia" Andrew Miller Sanctuary Choir
(At the conclusion of the Opening Voluntary, please rise for the Call to Worship.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 30, Lamentations 3) Liturgist: Gene Ingram
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. Remind 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 ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 8:1-2)

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and of death. My friends, rejoice again in 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 #355 "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" (Verses 1-4 only)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

John Dunn

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Page 613, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*EASTER HYMN #310 "Thine is the Glory"

SECOND READING John 20:1-18

Page 108, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Hope in Resurrection"

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 "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;**