

OFFERTORY "Sheep May Safely Graze"

Johann Sebastian Bach. arr. Setchell

*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. 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 #341 "Jesus Shall Reign" (verses 1, 2, 4 only)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #317 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

**Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified; no angels in the sky can fully bear that sight, but down-ward bend their burning
eyes at mysteries so bright.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness"

Paul Manz



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
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director
Tom Francis, Custodian

Ward Gailey, Music Director
Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Nursery: Stephanie Phillips & Megan Bennett

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

April 17, 2016
11:00 a.m.



Peter gave Dorcas his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Acts 9:41-42

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during this hour of worship.
Otherwise, Susan will turn into her evil twin and give you The Look.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Paul Manz

Acolyte: Aubrey & Miranda Morrow

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 #312 "Christ Is Alive"

**Christ is alive and comes to bring good news to this and every age;
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 23)

Liturgist: Aaron Roberts

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures;

All: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

All: And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #113 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, we know that your ways, your thoughts, are so much higher and better than ours. Still we question you, we refuse to trust you, we hold ourselves back from you and try to believe we're in control. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to trust you completely and commit our hearts to you fully. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Galatians 1:4)

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 kingdom of God:

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

MUSICAL INTERLUDE "Come Christians, Join to Sing!" Spanish Melody

Monica Andrea Baxter,
piano/vocalist

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

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

ANTHEM "Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing" Gordon Young

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 23

Page 474, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Acts 9:36-43

Page 120, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Why Dorcas?"

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.

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