

OFFERTORY "Beautiful Savior"

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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 #525 "When We All Get to Heaven" (verses 1, 2, 3 only)

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

**Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time, creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; thy praise shall never,  
never fail through out eternity.**

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

Richard Wienhorst



**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 24, 2016  
11:00 a.m.**



*And the one who was seated on the throne  
said, "See, I am making all things new ... It is  
done! I am the Alpha and the Omega,  
the beginning and the end."  
Revelation 21:5a, 6a*

## 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 "The Trumpet Shall Sound" (from Messiah)

G. F. Handel, arr. Smith

Acolyte: Lexie Buchan

#### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Stephanie Dunn

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 148)

Liturgist: Stephanie Dunn

Leader: Praise the Lord! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

**All: Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

Leader: Let us praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;

**All: His glory is above earth and heaven!**

**All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!**

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #294 "Christ Arose!"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, again we confess our lack of trust in you. We confess that we are anxious, we are in a rush, we try to control people and events and situations. We confess that we want to control the future when we cannot even control today. Forgive us, Lord. Remind us that we are yours, and you are Almighty God, and that we are eternally safe with you. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...**

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

Leader: In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. Friends, give thanks again for the great good news of Christ the Lord:

**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 #405 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

John Dunn

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

#### ANTHEM "Awake, My Heart" Jane Marshall

Sanctuary Choir

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING Acts 11:1-18

Page 122, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING Revelation 21:1-6

Page 244, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "A Day of Surprises"

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