

OFFERTORY

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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"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #295 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" (verse 4)

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love: Alleluia!  
Praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, 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 26, 2015  
11:00 a.m.**



*So he set off and went to his father.  
But while he was still far off, his father saw him and  
was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms  
around him and kissed him.  
Luke 15:20*

## 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: Aubrey & Miranda Morrow

### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: John 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 #310 "Thine Is the Glory" (verse 3)

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love: bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 23)

Liturgist: Laura Richardson

Leader: The Lord is our Shepherd; we shall not want.

**All: He leads us in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives;

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

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

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #59 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive us when we doubt your grace. Forgive us when we run away from you, in embarrassment and fear because of our sin, instead of running toward you, knowing we'll be forgiven. Help us to understand and truly believe that the death and resurrection of Jesus have cleansed us; help us to truly believe that we are your beloved children. 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 God's amazing grace:

**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 #422 "Amazing Grace!"

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sue Scheer

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

#### ANTHEM "Who will be a Witness" Spiritual, arr. Moore Allison

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 Luke 15:11-24

Page 73, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "God's Amazing Grace"

Rev. James H. Irwin, Jr.

### 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