

OFFERTORY "Contemplation"

Earl Roland Larson

*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 #466 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

*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 "Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

John A. Behnke



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 29, 2018

11:00 a.m.



*Whoever does not love
does not know God, for God is love.
1 John 4:8*

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 "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"

John A. Behnke

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Gene Ingram

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 22)

Liturgist: Jo Linda Ingram

Leader: We praise you in the great congregation!

All: Those who seek you will praise you, and will live forever.

Leader: Dominion belongs to you, and you rule over the nations.

All: We will tell future generations about you, and proclaim your deliverance to a people yet unborn.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #136 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, how can we forget the power and compassion of your great love for us? And yet we do, going our own way and pushing you to the far corners of our lives. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to truly repent, to seek you, and to put you in the very center of our hearts. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 5:1-2a)

Leader: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand. Friends, rejoice again in God's amazing grace:

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

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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 #557 "Pass It On"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

SOLO "Savior, Redeemer of My Soul" Rob Gardner

Ward Gailey

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 22:25-31

Page 473, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 John 4:7-21

Page 226, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "God Is Love"

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