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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 #509 "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #499 "He Leadeth Me" (verse #3)

And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me. He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me; his faithful follower
I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Zachary Smith



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, Muscian

Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Tom Francis, Custodian
Nursery: Stephanie Phillips & Megan Johnson

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

May 18, 2014

11:00 a.m.



Come to him, a living stone ...and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

I Peter 2:4-5

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: Justin Stanley

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: John Abbott

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 #355 (verse 3) "This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

**Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
step from the past and leave behind our disappointment, guilt, and grieving,
seeking new paths, and sure to find.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 31)

Liturgist: Allison Johnson

Leader: Love the Lord, all you his saints!

All: The Lord preserves the faithful.

Leader: Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #67 "Come, We That Love the Lord"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we sin against you, both in the things we do, and the things that we do not do. Forgive us for our complacency, our indifference, our procrastination. Help us to receive your grace that we may carry your love into our community. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (I John 1:9)

Leader: If we confess our sin, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sin, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Friends, give thanks again for 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 #561 "Christ for the World! We Sing"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

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

ANTHEM "Feed My Sheep" Hoyle

Sanctuary Choir

Laura Richardson and Greg Lathrop, soloists

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING John 14:1-14

Page 102, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING I Peter 2:2-10

Page 219, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "This Chosen Church"

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

Zachary Smith