

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during this hour of worship.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Will Andrews

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Linda Roberts

Please use this time for silent meditation and preparation for worship. Prayer cards are in the pew rack in front of you. Please place in the offering plate for inclusion in the morning prayers and addition to our church's prayer list.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**Those who are able, please stand.*

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.

Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 107

Liturgist: Carol Abbott

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

All: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands.

Leader: God sent out his word and healed us; he has delivered us from destruction.

All: Let us thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN # 261 (verses 1,2,4 only) "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, too often we choose to remain in our sin. We refuse your invitation to grace, and stay locked away, guilty and distant. Forgive us our fear of judgment and condemnation; remind us that Jesus has paid the price for our sin, and we are welcome in your presence as your beloved children. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Ephesians 2:8)

Leader: For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God -- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. Friends, rejoice again in God's grace and mercy:

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

*GLORIA PATRI

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 # 146 "Glorify Thy Name"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

David E. Dillard

ANTHEM "The Old Rugged Cross"

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING John 3:14-21

Page 103, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Ephesians 2:1-10

Page 181, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Resurrection 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.

OFFERTORY

**DOXOLOGY*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost;
O praise Him, O praise Him; Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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

**CLOSING HYMN (insert) "Power In The Blood"*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Meekness and Majesty"*

Meekness and majesty, human and deity, in perfect harmony, the One who is God.

Lord of eternity, dwells in humanity; kneels in humility and washes our feet.

O what a mystery, meekness and majesty; bow down and worship, for this is your God.

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY*

David E. Dillard



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 our Christian faith and about our 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.

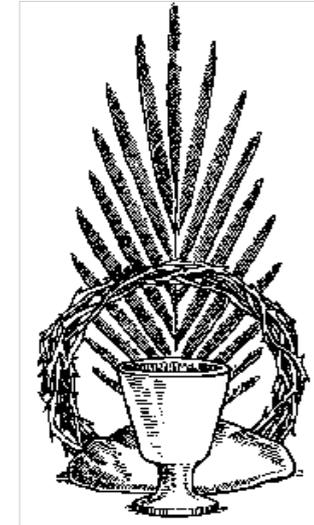
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Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

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But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ -- by grace you have been saved -- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:4-7