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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 FOR 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 #501 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.*

*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 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.

Rev. Susan Bennett, Pastor
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director
Mary Thompson, Christian Ed Coordinator
Ward Gailey, Music Director

Zachary Smith, Musician
Levena Hemmle, Office Manager
Tom Francis, Custodian
Nursery: Stephanie Phillips & Abigail Jenkins

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

April 28, 2013
11:00 a.m.



*Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the
Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will
give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."
Revelation 21:6*

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices.

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: Carol 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 #492 "Spirit of the Living God"

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 148)

Liturgist: Stephanie Dunn

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

All: **Let us praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and we were created.**

Leader: Praise the Lord from the earth; young men and women alike, old and young together.

All: **Let us praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.**

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE #136 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we do not want to see or hear the needs or sadness of your people. Forgive us when we turn away, or turn inward, and ignore the doors you open for us to share your love. Help us to be truly grateful for our salvation through Jesus, for the grace you shower upon us; remind us to offer those same gifts to others. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Colossians 1:13)

Leader: God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Friends, give thanks to God for his 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 #560 "I Love to Tell the Story"

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Tami Pass

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

ANTHEM "Now the Green Blade Riseth" arr. Joseph Martin
Arlene Lathrop, Oboe

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Revelation 21:1-6

Page 244, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Acts 11:1-18

Page 122, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Can I Get a Witness?" Part 3

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.