

OFFERTORY

Zachary Smith

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OLD 100TH

***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 #48 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

***Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure,
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.***

*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 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
Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Tom Francis, Custodian
Nursery: Stephanie Phillips & Abigail Jenkins

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

July 14, 2013

11:00 a.m.



*May you be made strong with all the strength that comes
from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to
endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving
thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the
inheritance of the saints in the light.*

Colossians 1:11-12

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Justin Stanley

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Tom Francis

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 #706 "I Come with Joy"

***The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
Is in such friendship better known, alive among us here,
Alive among us here.***

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 81)

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength!

All: Shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

Leader: Raise a song, sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp!

All: Blow the trumpet on our Sabbath day!

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

Liturgist: Sarah Mott

*HYMN OF PRAISE #335 (verses 1, 2, 3, 5 only) "Christ the Eternal Lord"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, change is everywhere. Forgive our reluctance to follow your Spirit. Remind us that in this life and the next, only one thing never changes: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Help us to cling to him, and forgive our wavering faith. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 John 1:9)

Leader: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Friends, rejoice again at 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 #437 "Jesus Loves Me"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

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

SPECIAL MUSIC "Simple Song" (from Mass)

Leonard Bernstein

Arlene Lathrop, oboe; Ward Gailey, tenor; Zachary Smith, piano

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Colossians 1:1-14

Page 188, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Amos 7:7-17

Page 806, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "When The News Isn't Good"

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.