

OFFERTORY

Zachary Smith

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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 #589 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #509 "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

**Like a mighty army moves the Church of God;
Christians, we are treading where the saints have trod; we are not divided,
all one body we, one in hope and doctrine, one in charity,
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before.**

*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

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11:00 a.m.



The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of the ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-13

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: Alex Seal

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Carlton Smith

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 # 2 "O Worship the King"

**O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light,
whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 119)

Liturgist: Jeffrey Cochran

Leader: Let our cry come before you, O Lord; give us understanding according to your Word.

All: We long for your salvation, O Lord, and your Word is our delight.

Leader: Our lips will pour forth praise, because you teach us your statutes.

All: We sing of your promise, for all your commandments are right.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #113 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we neglect your Word. Forgive us when we choose entertainment over joy, when we starve our spirits and ignore your Word, when we try to satisfy our hearts with things that are not from your Spirit. Help us to be open to your truth and power, to fill our minds with your Word, and to grow as your disciples. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (I John 1:9)

Leader: If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Friends, give thanks again for the great good news of the gospel:

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 #589 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

RECOGNITION OF TEACHERS

Aaron Roberts

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

ANTHEM

"O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

Trio - Laura Richardson, Linda Roberts, Allison Johnson

Jan Sanborn

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Romans 12:1-8

Page 151, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Ephesians 4:1-13

Page 182, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Discovery and Discipleship"

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.