

OFFERTORY "Create in Me a Clean Heart" Arr. Mark Hayes

Zachary Smith

*DOXOLOGY

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 #458 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #509 "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

**Onward, then, you people, join our happy throng, blend with ours your voices in the triumph song;
glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the King; this thro' countless ages with the angels sing.
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

September 22, 2013

11:00 a.m.



*You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.*

Psalm 139:5

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: Elle Roberts

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Annie Laura Kelly

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 (verse 4) "O Worship the King"

***Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust,
nor find thee to fail; thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.***

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 139)

Liturgist: John Dunn

Leader: Search us, O God, and know our hearts;

All: Test us and know our thoughts.

Leader: See if there is any wicked way in us,

All: And lead us in the way everlasting.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #31 "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we turn away from you. Forgive us when our faith is weak, and we struggle to trust you. Remind us that, no matter what, we are safe in your love and care. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Romans 5:1-2)

Leader: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand. Friends, give thanks again for the great good news of the gospel:

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

*GLORIA PATRI

GLORIA

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 #631 "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Mary Carol Stanley

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

ANTHEM

In Christ Alone Medley -- Getty, Townsend, Craig, Koch/arr. Harlan

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Jeremiah 18:1-11

Page 677, Pew Bible

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Page 545, Pew Bible

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "What Was I Thinking?"

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.