

OFFERTORY "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

by Frederick C. Maker, arr. by Ruth Elaine Schram

\*DOXOLOGY

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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 #371 "Our Father, We Have Wandered"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #250 "Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights" (verse 1)

**Throughout these Lenten days and nights we turn to walk the inward way,  
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light, we live in hope till Easter Day.**

\*POSTLUDE "Rejoice and Sing"

Eugene Butler



Thank you to Kristi Helfen for being our accompanist today.

**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 the Christian faith and about the 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. Betsy Turner, Interim Pastor  
Dorothy Clark, Organist  
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus

Ward Gailey, Music Director  
Linda Hodges, Office Manager  
Nursery: Suzie Wharton and Allie Dunn

# *Stockbridge Presbyterian Church*

*March 31 2019*

*11:00 a.m.*

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*



*"But while he was still far off, his father  
saw him and was filled with compassion..."  
Luke 15:20*

## 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

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "God So Loved the World" from The Crucifixion by John Stainer, arr. by Larry Shackley

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD Beadle: Tami Pass

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 #21 "This Is My Father's World" (verse 3)

**This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear him pass,  
he speaks to me everywhere. This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?**

**The Lord is King, let heaven ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Dan Commerford Liturgist: Tami Pass

One: Return to the Lord your God,

**All: for God is gracious.**

One: Confess to the Lord your God,

**All: for God is merciful.**

One: Repent to the Lord your God,

**All: for God is slow to anger.**

One: Praise the Lord your God,

**All: for God abounds in steadfast love.**

One: Worship the Lord your God.

**All: Together, let us worship God!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #382 "Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. Like the prodigal son, we have wasted our inheritance. You gave us the earth as our home, but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love.**

**Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance. Hear us now as we confess in silence the particular ways we need your grace.**

~silence~

**God of endless love and mercy, draw our wandering hearts back to you, that we may find our freedom in obedience to your love. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Like a loving parent, God sees us when we are still far off, and is filled with compassion for us. By the Spirit of mercy, God embraces us and welcomes us home.

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

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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

CHILDREN'S SERMON Tami Pass

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

ANTHEM "Sanctus" (Holy) Roger Emerson Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 32 Page 479, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Luke 15:1-2, 11-32 Page 73, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Forgive us... as we forgive" Rev. Betsy Turner

### 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.**

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