MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "Thee We Adore" -Theodore Deboise   Sanctuary Choir

*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;**

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 #310 "Thine Is the Glory"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #312 "Christ Is Alive" (verse 5)
**Christ is alive and comes to bring good news to this and every age;
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

*POSTLUDE "Crown Him With Many Crowns"   James Ellor and George J. Elvey, arr. by Lloyd Larson

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Thanks to Kristi Helfen for providing our music this morning.

WELCOME VISITOR! We are delighted that you are here to share worship of our Lord Jesus Christ this morning with 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. Betsy Turner, Interim Pastor   Ward Gailey, Music Director
Dorothy Clark, Organist   Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus   Nursery Attendants: Suzie Wharton & Allie Dunn

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Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

EASTER SUNDAY
HE HAS RISEN
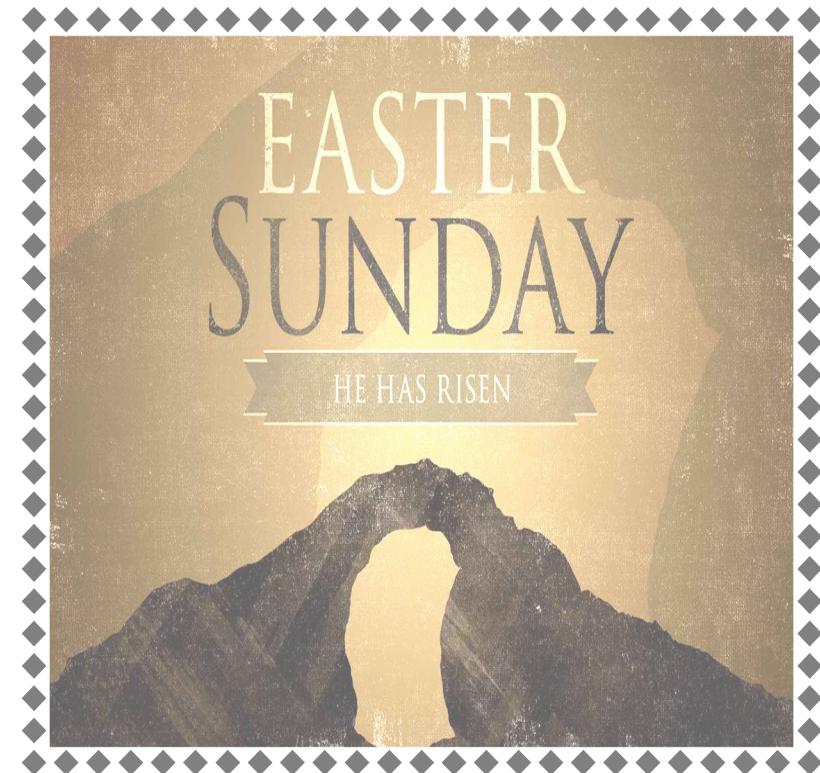
On the first day of the week, at early dawn,
they came to the tomb... but when they went in,
they did not find the body."
Luke 24:1-3

April 21, 2019   11:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST   One: The peace of Christ be with you.
        All: And also with you.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"   Barbara Boertje, arr. by H. W. K. Hofkapelle

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD   Beadle: Ron Scheer
      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 #289 "Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven" (verse 2)
      Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:
      see the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat;
      once he died, and once was buried: now he lives forevermore,
      Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.

*CALL TO WORSHIP   Liturgist: Sue Scheer
      One: Early in the morning, it was still dark,
      All: but the women came together…
      One: They came to the quiet place where the dead were laid,
      All: but they found the tomb was empty! Jesus was not there!
      One: Early this morning, our world is still dark,
      All: but we unite to rejoice in the glorious good news:
      One: Jesus is not in the tomb! He is risen!
      All: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #288 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
      We rejoice, Risen One, in your triumph over death. This is a day of great wonder and gladness! But even on this day of all days, we confess our sin and brokenness. We hear the good news, but it sounds like foolishness to us, so we do not live transformed lives. You promise new life, but we still cling to old ways, looking for the living among the dead. You have called us to be your Easter people, bearing witness to your good news, but we are silent and fearful. We should be boldly shouting hallelujahs for all the world to hear, but we keep the good news to ourselves. Hear us now as we confess in silence the particular ways we need your grace…
      ~silence~
      God of the cross and of the empty tomb, forgive our failings, accept our praise, direct our thoughts, and send us forth in newness of life. May our very lives bring glory to the Risen One, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
      One: Hear the Easter good news. Nothing can stand in the way of God's power to make things new. The tomb is empty, death is defeated, the world begins again.
      All: Christ has the victory! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

*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.

PROCLAMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON   Monica Coutin-Baxter

ANTHEM "Lift Your Voice and Sing, He Is Risen" -Lloyd Larson   Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 118:14-24   Page 534, Pew Bible
      One: The Word of the Lord.
      All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Luke 24:1-12   Page 84, Pew Bible
      One: The Word of the Lord.
      All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Risen!"   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.