

MINISTRY OF GIVING

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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 #585 "A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Jesus Loves Me"

**Jesus loves us still today, walking with us on the way,
Wanting as a friend to give, light and love to all who live.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

*POSTLUDE



Thank you to Andrea Emmel for providing the music this morning.

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

**May 12, 2019
11:00 a.m.**

Fourth Sunday in Easter

CELEBRATE THE GIFTS OF WOMEN

*Celebrating
Women*

*"Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all."
Proverb 31:29*

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

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Gene Ingram

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 #437 "Jesus Loves Me" (verse 1)

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so!
Little ones to him belong: they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (borrowed in part from the Brief Statement of Faith)

Liturgist: Gene Ingram

One: As a mother hen gathers her brood under her wing,

All: **so you have gathered us all here.**

One: Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,

All: **you are faithful still.**

One: Your Spirit calls women and men to all ministries of the Church,

All: **and to live holy and joyful lives.**

One: Let us worship God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #426 "Blessed Assurance"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Find in us, we pray, the pockets of resistance and patches of coldness that keep us closed to your movement among us. Root them out and open us that we may be agents of your grace and channels of your love. Hear us now as we confess in silence the particular ways we need your grace...

~silence~

God of tender love, redeem what is broken within and among us. Mend our hearts and our relationships. Take away our burdens, and in your mercy set us free to live joyfully. In the name of Christ, our sibling and friend, we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the Easter good news: the tomb is empty, death is defeated, the world begins again. Nothing in all the world can stand in the way of God's power to make things new.

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.

PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

John Dunn

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

ANTHEM "Borning Cry" Ylvisaker (#680)

Children's Choir, Sanctuary Choir, & Congregation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Proverbs 31:10-31

Page 579, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Acts 9:36-43; 16:13-16

Page 120, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "A Woman of Valor, A Woman of Devotion"

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.