

OFFERTORY

*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 #598 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #16 "The God of Abraham Praise" (verse 3)

**You have eternal life implanted in the soul;
Your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll. We praise you, living God!
We praise your holy name; who was, and is, and is to be, fore'er the same!**

*POSTLUDE



Thank you to Andrea Emmel for providing our 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 26, 2019
11:00 a.m.*

Sixth Sunday in Easter



Memorial Day

*Remember Those Who
Gave Their Lives*

*"On either side of the river is the tree of life
with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit
each month; and the leaves of the tree are
for the healing of the nations."*

Revelation 22:2

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: Aaron Roberts

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 #16 "The God of Abraham Praise" (verse 1)

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;

**the ancient of eternal days, the God of love! The Lord, the great I Am, by earth and heaven confessed,
we bow before your holy name, forever blest.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 67:5-7)

Liturgist: Aaron Roberts

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

All: **let all the peoples praise you.**

One: The earth has yielded its increase;

All: **God, our God, has blessed us.**

One: May God continue to bless us;

All: **let all the ends of the earth revere him.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #522 "Shall We Gather at the River"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

You are a God of new life, yet we are bound to the old ways of doing things. You are a God of infinite good news, yet we live in fear and dread. You are a God of resurrection, yet we spend our days proclaiming death. You are a God of abundance, yet we hear there is not enough grace. You are a God of empowerment, yet we doubt whether we can do your work. You are a God of forgiveness, yet we cannot forgive others or ourselves. Hear us now as we confess in silence the particular ways we need your grace...

~silence~

God, forgive us. Free us from all that keeps us from following you faithfully. Bring us back to your way, the way that leads to wholeness and life. In the name of Christ, we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear again the Easter good news, in which we live and find our hope: that our God is a God of new life, infinite good news, and gracious abundance.

All: **Through Christ, we are forgiven and all things are made new. Christ has the victory! 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

Monica Coutin-Baxter

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

ANTHEM "I Will Arise" arr. Shaw/Parker

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING John 14:23-29

Page 103, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Revelation 21-22, selected verses

Page 244, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "A Promised Spirit, A Promised City"

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.

MINISTRY OF GIVING