

INVITATION TO THE MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY

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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 #287 "Lift High the Cross"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #104 "Hidden Christ, Alive Forever" (verse 5)

**Christ our hope, alive among us, take our love, our work, our prayer.
We will trust and tell your purpose, braving evil and despair,
In your name befriending, mending, making peace and setting free,
Showing, giving and acclaiming signs of joy and jubilee.**

*POSTLUDE



Welcome, guests! Thank you for joining us in worship today. We invite everyone to sign the Friendship Pad, and our first-time visitors to also fill out the blue card found in the pew. If you have any questions or wish to become a member of our congregation, don't hesitate to ask a neighbor on the pew or the pastor. We are honored by your presence here today, and hope to welcome you back next week!

Rev. Betsy Turner, Interim Pastor
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus
Linda Hodges, Office Manager

Ward Gailey, Music Director
Gena Ridgeway, Accompanist
Nursery: Suzie Wharton and Allie Dunn

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

January 26, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



"For the message about the cross is foolishness..."
1 Corinthians 1:18

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: 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 #35 "Morning Has Broken" (verse 3)

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 27)

Liturgist: Sue Scheer

One: The Lord is our light and salvation – whom shall we fear?

All: **The Lord is the stronghold of our life – of whom shall we be afraid?**

One: One thing we ask of the Lord: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of our life.

All: **One thing we will seek after: to behold the Lord's beauty,**

One: One thing we desire: to inquire in God's sanctuary.

All: **We believe that we shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!**

One: Be strong, take courage, wait for the Lord! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #106 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers, sisters, and siblings. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Hear us now as we confess in silence the particular ways we need your grace...

~silence~

Lord of life, pour out your forgiveness and welcome us back home to you. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ, who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

All: **We trust in God who pours out forgiveness, breaks the bonds of our oppression, covers us in mercy, and welcomes us home. We are forgiven and made whole. 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

Monica Coutin-Baxter

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

ANTHEM "Down to the River to Pray" Curry

Sanctuary Choir

As I went down to the river to pray, studying about the good ol' way and who should wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way.

O sisters(brothers, mother's, fathers, sinners)

let's go down, come on down, down to the river to pray.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Matthew 4:12-23

Page 3, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Page 155, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Focusing on Foolishness"

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.