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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 #61 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #748 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" (verse 1)

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace;
O direct us and protect us traveling through this wilderness.**

*POSTLUDE "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" Rathbun

Conkey and Janet Linker



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

March 8, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Second Sunday in Lent



*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but may have eternal life."*

John 3:16

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 "Ah Holy Jesus" Herzliebster Jesu

Paul Manz

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Jason Howard

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 #66 "To God Be the Glory" (verse 1 and refrain)

**To God be the glory, great things he hath done; so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may come in.**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Jason Howard

One: From where will our help come?

All: **Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

One: Who is our keeper?

All: **The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.**

One: How long will God protect us?

All: **God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #56 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven! Be glad in the Lord and shout for joy.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

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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

Aaron Roberts

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

ANTHEM "God So Loved the World" John Stainer

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 121

Page 539, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING John 3:1-17

Page 88, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Jesus talks to Nicodemus: Finding God's love in unknown places"

Rev. Sarah Hooker

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

OFFERTORY "Come to the Cross"

Bill Batstone and Bob Soma

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Rev. Sarah Hooker