

OFFERTORY "Drawn to the Cross"

Gottlieb Muffat

*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. 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 #505 "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #748 "Lord, Dismiss Us With Your 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 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

Henry T. Smart, arr. Burkhardt



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. Susan Bennett, 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

September 16, 2018

11:00 a.m.



*Jesus said, "If any want to become my followers,
let them deny themselves and take up their cross
and follow me."*

Mark 8:34b

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

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "And Can It Be that I Should Gain"

Thomas Campbell

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: John Dunn

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 #489 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 19)

Liturgist: John Dunn

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God;

All: And the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Leader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart,

All: Be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #366 "And Can It Be"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son Jesus, you gave your all for us. You showed us how to live for you and for others. You love us fully and instruct us to love others as you love us. Forgive us when we fall short, when we are selfish and lazy. Remind us of the example of love you gave us in Jesus, and strengthen us to care for others with his sacrificial love. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Colossians 1:13-14)

Leader: God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Friends, give thanks again for the great good news of the kingdom of God:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

*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

John Dunn

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

ANTHEM "Blessed Are You" Craig Courtney

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 19:7-14

Page 472, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Mark 8: 27-38

Page 41, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "People of the Cross"

Rev. Susan Bennett

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