

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

German hymn, arr. John Behnke

*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 #508 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #393 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (verse 1)
**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Praise God the Lord"

Johann Gottfried Walther



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
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director
Ward Gailey, Music Director
Dorothy Clark, Organist

Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Tom Francis, Custodian
Nursery: Stephanie Phillips & Megan Bennett

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

**January 17, 2016
11:00 a.m.**



*All people feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river
of your delights.
Psalm 36:8*

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during this hour of worship.
Otherwise, Susan will turn into her evil twin and give you The Look.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

Johann Gottfried Walther

Acolyte: Monica Andrea Coutin-Baxter

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Sue 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 #40 "For the Beauty of the Earth" (verse 3)

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 36)

Liturgist: Laura Richardson

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

All: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep.

Leader: All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

All: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #549 "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when our faith grows weak, and we begin to doubt your provision. Forgive us when we are fearful of scarcity, when negative thoughts fill our minds and we are afraid of not having enough. Remind us of your abundant generosity and your steadfast love; remind us that we are always safe in you. Please hear us now as we continue our confession 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 gospel:

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

*HYMN OF CONSECRATION #581 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Stephanie Dunn

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

ANTHEM "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Roland Martin (patterned after Bach Suite for Unaccompanied Cello)

Sanctuary Choir

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS, CLASS OF 2018

LAYING ON OF HANDS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 36:5-10

Page 482, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING John 2:1-11

Page 87, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "God's Promise of Abundance"

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.