

OFFERTORY "A Slow Melody"

Ludwig van Beethoven

*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 #319 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #9 "Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"

**Come, hear his voice today, receive what love imparts;
His holy will obey and harden not your hearts. His ways are best; and lead at last,
All troubles past, to perfect rest.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Praise the Savior"

German Hymn



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
Glory Cumbow, Youth Director
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus

Ward Gailey, Music Director
Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Nursery: Suzie Wharton & Breon Williams

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

**February 26, 2017
11:00 a.m.**



*While he was still speaking, suddenly
a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the
cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved;
with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"
Matthew 17:5*

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 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Graham Kendrick

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Terry Holmes

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 #108 "There's Something About That Name"

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus: there's just something about that name!

Master, Savior, Jesus, like the fragrance after the rain; Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all heaven and earth proclaim: Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, but there's something about that name!

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 99)

Liturgist: Lee Hart

Leader: The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

All: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

Leader: The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

All: Let us praise your great and awesome name!

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Open My Eyes, That I May See" (see insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when our hearts turn away from you, and we forget you in our busyness and our many distractions. Forgive us when we take your love and care for granted, and turn to you only when we need something or have a complaint to make. Help us, Lord, to be as faithful to you as you are to us. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Romans 3:23-24)

Leader: Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, we are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Friends, rejoice again in God's amazing grace:

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 #118 "Lord of the Dance"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Stephanie Dunn

ANTHEM "The Heavens Are Telling" Beethoven

Sanctuary Choir

Terry Holmes and Jeffrey Cochran, soloists

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 99:1-9

Page 522, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Matthew 17:1-9, 14-20

Page 17, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Basking in Someone Else's Glow"

Glory Cumbow

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