

OFFERTORY "O My Jesus"

German hymn, arr. Michael Burkhardt

*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 #408 "I Am Thine, O Lord"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #554 "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound"

**We have heard the joyful sound; Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Spread the tidings all around: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Bear the news to every land, climb the steeps and cross the waves;
Onward! 'tis our Lord's command: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY Excerpt from "Voluntary in A"

William Selby



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

March 11, 2018

11:00 a.m.



*His disciples remembered that it was written,
"Zeal for your house will consume me."
John 2:17*

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.

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Alfred V. Fedak

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Cooper Keller

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 #251 "I Come to the Cross"

I come to the cross seeking mercy and grace;

I come to the cross where you died in my place.

Out of my weakness and into your strength; humbly I come to the cross.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 69)

Liturgist: Cooper Keller

Leader: We will praise the name of God with a song;

All: We will magnify him with thanksgiving.

Leader: Let heaven and earth praise him!

All: For God alone will save us; he is our home forever.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #95 "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us for the times you instruct us to keep silence, and we speak instead, often causing great harm. Forgive us also for the times you instruct us to speak your truth, and, in our fear and uncertainty, we say nothing. Help us to hear the voice of your Spirit, and be ready always to obey. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Galatians 1:3-4)

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins to save us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father. 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

*HYMN OF CONSECRATION #420 "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Susan Bennett

(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 69:6-16

Page 502, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING John 2:13-22

Page 87, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Can't You Just Be Nice?"

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