

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "Song of Peace"

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 #443 "Trust and Obey"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #708 "Go Forth for God"

Go forth for God, go to the world in love; strengthen the faint,
give courage to the weak; help the afflicted; richly from above God's love supplies the grace
and power we seek. Go forth for God, go to the world in love.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Variation on Amazing Grace"

arr. Kevin Norris



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

March 13, 2016
11:00 a.m.



*I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your
solemn assemblies...But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.*

Amos 5:21, 24

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 "Amazing Grace"

Acolyte: Lorren Huggins

arr. Robert J. Hughes

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Linda Roberts

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 126)

Liturgist: Linda Roberts

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

All: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;

Leader: Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

All: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoice.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #59 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we say we are Christians, but our actions do not prove our words. Forgive us when we ignore the needs of others to focus only on ourselves and the people we love most. Please fill us with your Spirit, so that those around us see only your love and compassion. 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, rejoice again in God's amazing grace:

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

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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 #458 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sue Scheer

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

ANTHEM "Have Mercy on Us" Brian Soper Brooklyn Allen, soloist

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Matthew 23:23-28

Page 24, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Amos 5:18-24

Page 805, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "To Drink of Justice and Righteousness"

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.