

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

OFFERTORY "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

C. S. Lang

\*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 #393 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #4 "Bless His Holy Name"

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.  
He has done great things, he has done great things, he has done great things, bless his holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Voluntary in D Minor"

William Herschel



**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

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



*The Lord does not see as mortals see;  
they look on the outward appearance,  
but the Lord looks on the heart.  
1 Samuel 16:7b*

## 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 "Wondrous Love, Variation 3"

*"to bear the heavy cross for my soul..."*

Robert Lau

#### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Greg Lathrop

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 23)

Liturgist: Greg Lathrop

Leader: Lord, you are our Shepherd; we want for nothing.

**All: You make us lie down in green pastures, and lead us beside still waters.**

Leader: You restore our souls!

**All: You lead us in right paths for your name's sake.**

**All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!**

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #97 "Meekness and Majesty"

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, how easily we lose sight of you, blinded by the problems and worries of this world. Forgive us when we are so self-absorbed, so fearful, that we forget you are with us always, and we are your beloved children. Strengthen our faith, Lord, and teach us to trust you. 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, 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 #664 "Thy Word"

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sue Scheer

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

#### HANDBELL ANTHEM "Beautiful Savior"

David Bang, violinist

F. Melius Christiansen, arr. Clark

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING Psalm 23

Page 474, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Page 248, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "Judgment"

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;**