

OFFERTORY "Sheep May Safely Graze"

Johann Sebastian Bach

*DOXOLOGY

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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 #440 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #302 "He Lives"

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Johann Pachelbel



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

April 22, 2018

11:00 a.m.



*I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
John 10:11*

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 "O Shepherd of Israel"

Christian Gregor

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Stephanie Phillips-Ayoola

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 "The Day of Resurrection"

**O let the heavens be joyful! Let earth its song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen, our Joy that has no end.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 23)

Liturgist: Stephanie Phillips-Ayoola

Leader: Lord, you are our shepherd; we shall not want.

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

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives,

All: And we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #111 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, in our minds we want to be the obedient sheep of your pasture, but too often we go astray, thinking we know better and going off on our own. Forgive our stubbornness, our willfulness, our pride. Help us to love and trust you with our whole hearts. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from 1 Corinthians 1:8)

Leader: God will strengthen us to the end, so that we may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 #86 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Paul Szeto

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

DUET "God Bless Us Everyone"

Marie Anne, and Monica Andrea Coutin-Baxter

Alan Menken

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 23

Page 474, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING John 10:11-18

Page 97, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Why Sheep?"

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