

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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 #59 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #294 "Christ Arose!" (verse 1)

**Low in the grave he lay — Jesus my Savior, waiting the coming day — Jesus my Lord!
Up from the grave he arose with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "When In Our Music God is Glorified"

Charles Villiers Stanford



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

**April 23, 2017
11:00 a.m.**



*You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
Psalm 16:11*

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 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" German hymn, arr. Hal H. Hopson

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD Beadle: Stephanie Dunn
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.

HANDBELL INTROIT "Festive Celebration" Kevin McChesney

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 16) Liturgist: Stephanie Dunn

Leader: Lord, you are our chosen portion and our cup.

All: We have a goodly heritage!

Leader: We keep you always before us.

All: We shall not be moved!

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE "He Keeps Me Singing" (Inserts, verses 1 and 2 only)
"In My Heart There Rings a Melody"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we ignore all the good things you've given us, and focus instead on our problems and worries. Forgive us when we complain, when our thoughts and words are negative and dark. Please help us to trust you enough to rejoice in your goodness, knowing that with you, we are eternally safe and well cared for. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Galatians 1:3b-4a)

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins to set us free 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 gospel:

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 "I'll Fly Away"
"There Shall Be Showers of Blessings" (Inserts, verses 1 and 2 only)

SOLO "Hunter's Chorus" C.M. von Weber Monica Andrea Coutin-Baxter

CHILDREN'S SERMON Stephanie Dunn
(Children will be dismissed to Children's Worship following the anthem.)

ANTHEM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING 1 Peter 1:3-9 Page 218, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Psalm 16:5-11 Page 469, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED THROUGH MUSIC

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.