

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 "Pastorale for Mother's Day"

Robert A. Roesch

\*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 #525 "When We All Get to Heaven"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #102 "His Name Is Wonderful"

**His name is Wonderful, his name is Wonderful, his name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord;  
He is the mighty King, Master of everything, his name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord.  
He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, Almighty God is he;  
Bow down before him, love and adore him, his name is Wonderful, Jesus My Lord.**

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Saints Bound for Heaven"

arr. Steven Scott



**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

May 14, 2017  
11:00 a.m.



*"Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
Believe in God; believe also in me."  
John 14:1*

## 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 "Trumpet Tune" (from Sonata for Trumpet and Strings) Arcangelo Corelli

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 #87 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

**Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!**

**Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen! Christ is our Guide and Friend;  
to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 31) Liturgist: Mary Carol Stanley

Leader: In you, O Lord, we seek refuge; incline your ear to us.

**All: Be a rock of refuge for us, a strong fortress to save us.**

Leader: You are indeed our rock and our fortress: you have redeemed us, O Lord, faithful God.

**All: We will trust and rejoice in your steadfast love!**

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

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

### CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, you love us, provide for us, and bless us daily. Still we fall into fear and doubt, and too often we do not trust your work in our lives. Forgive us for every moment when we turn away from you and begin to worry and be anxious. Help us to focus our eyes and hearts on you and keep them there faithfully. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Ephesians 1:7-8a)

Leader: In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. Friends, give thanks again for the great good news of the kingdom of God:

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

\*GLORIA PATRI

GLORIA

**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 #468 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sue Scheer

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

CHILDREN'S SONG "Thank You for My Mom" Adrian and Haw

SPC Children

ANTHEM "Mother" Edvard Grieg

Ward Gailey, tenor

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Acts 7:55-60

Page 118, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING John 14:1-14

Page 102, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Death, Where Is Thy Sting?"

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;**