

OFFERTORY "Faith of Our Fathers"

arr. Gordon Young

*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 #72 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #326 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY Variation on "Amazing Grace"

Raymond H. Haan



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: Elizabeth Wagner & Suzie Wharton

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

*June 18, 2017
11:00 a.m.*

Celebrate the Gifts of Men



*But God proves his love for us in that
while we still were sinners Christ died for us.
Romans 5:8*

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during this hour of worship.
Otherwise, Susan will turn into her evil twin and give you The Look.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Johann Pachelbel

CHORAL INTROIT "Alleluia" (from *Victoria*) Phipps & Barrett
Andrea Emmel, piano

Sanctuary Choir Women

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Jim Beisner

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 #332 "Let Every Christian Pray"

**Only the Spirit's power can fit us for this hour: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!
Instruct, inspire, unite, and help us see your light: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 116)

Liturgist: Jim Beisner

Leader: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

All: We offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on your name, O Lord.

Leader: We pay our vows to you in the presence of all your people.

All: We call out to you in the courts of your house.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #84 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (Verses 1-3 only)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, you have shown us the nature of your love for us: sacrificial, patient, never prideful or selfish. Forgive us when we do not respond to you in kind. Forgive us when we do not love others as you have taught us. Put within our hearts a desire to humble ourselves and follow you more faithfully. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 5:1-2a)

Leader: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand. Friends, rejoice again in God's amazing grace:

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 #422 "Amazing Grace"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Monica Coutin-Baxter

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

ANTHEM "At the Cross of Jesus" John Carter

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Genesis 18:1-15

Page 13, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Romans 5:1-8

Page 145, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "A Father's Gift"

Chaplain Jack Shedd
Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret.)

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