

OFFERTORY "In Heavenly Love Abiding" Alice Jordan

Cary Castellaw

*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 #501 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #717 "Go Now in Peace"

**Go now in hope, and hopeful stay, though shadowed valleys hide your way;
through good and evil, joy and pain, with God, in Spirit, you remain.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" David Lowe

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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: Stephanie Phillips & Breon Williams

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

July 17, 2016
11:00 a.m.



The centurion said to Jesus, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed."

Matthew 8:8

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 "Soliloquy" Gordon Young

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Acolyte: Monica Andrea Coutin-Baxter

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Cooper Keller

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 #11 "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" (verse 2)

**O for the living flame, from God's own altar brought,
To touch our lips, our minds inspire, and wing to heaven our thought.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 52)

Liturgist: Tom Francis

Leader: We trust in your steadfast love, O God, forever and ever.

All: We will thank you forever because of what you have done.

Leader: In the presence of the faithful, we will proclaim your name,

All: For it is good.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #71 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we behave thoughtlessly toward others, when our words hurt them, when we alienate them through our actions and attitudes. Forgive us when we are unkind and self-absorbed, when we choose foolish pride over healing and reconciliation. Please help us to humble ourselves and admit our deep need of your Spirit of gentleness. Please continue to hear us as we confess now 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.

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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 #106 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sue Scheer

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

ANTHEM "Savior, Redeemer of My Soul" by Rob Gardner

Ward Gailey, tenor

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Matthew 8:5-13

Page 5, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 2 Kings 5:1-14

Page 320, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Oh, Lord, It's Hard to Be Humble"

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