

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "Ladies in Lavender" by Nigel Hess

Arlene Lathrop, soloist

*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 #9 "Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #652 "This Is the Day"

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made; we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Zachary Smith



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
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director
Ward Gailey, Music Director
Zachary Smith, Musician

Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Tom Francis, Custodian
Nursery: Stephanie Phillips & Megan Johnson

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

July 27, 2014

11:00 a.m.



Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30

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

Acolyte: Elora Newsome

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Ron Scheer

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 #113 (verse 3) "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart"

**With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise;
send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of ancient days.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 105)

Liturgist: Cindy Strong

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

All: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in his name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

All: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, although we are often weary, we do not always turn to you for rest. We cling to our heavy burdens as if we believe there is no help; we close our hearts with worry, and continue struggling under our burden, refusing to trust you enough to leave it with you. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to relinquish our pride and allow you to calm our fears. 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 grace that he lavished on us. Friends, give thanks again for God's amazing grace:

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 #80 "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

BAPTISM OF EVANGELINE NEWSOME

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Betsy Sierra

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

ANTHEM "The Prayer," by Sager and Foster

Betty and Ward Gailey
Alyson Gailey Fort, piano

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Romans 7:15-25a

Page 147, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Page 11, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Peace in the Valley"

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.