

OFFERTORY Contemplation on "Shall We Gather at the River?"

Greg Sewell

*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 #496 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #393 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

**Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "With My Whole Heart"

Johann Christoph Bach



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

**August 14, 2016
11:00 a.m.**



*Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith,
did not receive what was promised ...
Hebrews 11:39*

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 "Festive Trumpet Tune"

Acolyte: TBD

David German

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Terry Holmes

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 #115 "Praise the Name of Jesus"

**Praise the name of Jesus, praise the name of Jesus. He's my Rock, he's my Fortress,
he's my Deliverer, in him will I trust. Praise the name of Jesus.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 86)

Liturgist: Terry Holmes

Leader: There is no other like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

All: All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, and shall glorify your name.

Leader: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

All: Teach us your way, O Lord, that we may walk in your truth; give us an undivided heart to revere your name.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #82 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we forget that you are God, and we are not. Forgive our controlling natures, our insistence on having things our own way. Help us to learn to give up control and trust in your goodness and love. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Romans 8:1)

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and of death. Friends, give thanks again for 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 #72 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

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

ANTHEM "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (in Bach style) arr. R. Martin

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING James 1:2-4

Page 214, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Hebrews 11:29 -12:2

Page 212, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "You Can't Always Get What You Want"

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.

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