

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace"

George Lachenauer

*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 #90 "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" (verses 1, 2, and 5 only)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #14 "Now Thank We All Our God"

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms, has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Symphony in B-flat"

Nicolas LeBegue



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

*August 20, 2017
11:00 a.m.*



*So, for the sake of your traditions,
you make void the word of God.
Matthew 15:6*

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 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

arr. John A. Behnke

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Aaron Roberts

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 #40 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 133)

Liturgist: Aaron Roberts

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

All: It is like the precious oil on the head.

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

All: For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #17 "Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we turn away from the power of your grace, and choose to live again under the law. Forgive us when we place our traditions and our rules above the simplicity of the gospel. Help us to live in love alone, being willing to yield to others and most of all, to you. Please continue to hear us as we confess now 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, rejoice again in the great good news of the gospel:

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 #132 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

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

ANTHEM "Many Gifts, One Spirit" Allen Pote

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Isaiah 29:13-16

Page 617, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Matthew 15:1-9

Page 16, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Rules and Regulations"

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.