

OFFERTORY "Reflections"

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\*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 #358 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #67 "Come, We That Love the Lord" (verse 4)

**Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;  
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground to fairer worlds on high.**

\*POSTLUDE "Finale"

Gilbert M. Martin



**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: Suzie Wharton and Allie Dunn

# *Stockbridge Presbyterian Church*

*August 26, 2018  
11:00 a.m.*



## 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.**

### CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand"

Adam Mason

### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Laura Richardson

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 #67 "Come, We That Love the Lord" (verse 1)

**Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known,  
Join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 84)

Liturgist: Lee Hart

Leader: Happy are we who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Happy are we whose strength is in you.

**All: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

Leader: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

**All: O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

**All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #48 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive us when our attention is focused on external things and situations, when we close our hearts to you and lose you, in the busyness and distractions of life here on earth. Forgive our careless words and careless hearts. Remind us always of your grace-filled presence and the steadfast love you offer. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence**

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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Colossians 1:13-14)

Leader: God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Friends, give thanks again for the great good news of the gospel:

**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

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Paul Szeto

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

ANTHEM "The Lord Is a Mighty God" Michael Jothen

Sanctuary Choir

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 84

Page 514, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING John 6:59-69

Page 93, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "The Holy One"

Rev. Aisha Brooks-Lytle  
Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Greater Atlanta

## 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