

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "Invocation"

Felix Mendelssohn

\*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 #603 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

\*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 "In Christ There is No East or West"

arr. Harry T. Burleigh



**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 27, 2017  
11:00 a.m.*



*Simon Peter answered,  
"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."  
Matthew 16:16*

## 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 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Johann Gottfried Walther

#### 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 #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 124)

Liturgist: Lee Hart

Leader: Blessed be the Lord!

**All: Our help is in the name of the Lord,**

Leader: Who made heaven and earth.

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

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #544 "The Church's One Foundation" (verses 1, 2, 4, and 5 only)

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive our feelings of entitlement, our ridiculous pride. Forgive us when we insist on our own way, and do not put others first. We need your help, Lord, to honor one another and to always, always put you above all else. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Romans 3:23-24)

Leader: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; we are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Friends, give thanks again for the great good news of the kingdom of God:

**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 #385 "Search Me, O God"

#### TEACHER APPRECIATION

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

John Dunn

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

#### ANTHEM "The Oldest Rock of Ages" arr. Ward Gailey

Sanctuary Choir

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING Romans 12:1-8

Page 151, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING Matthew 16:13-20

Page 17, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "Upon This Rock"

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.**