

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "Reflection"

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 #393 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Dennis

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #466 "Take My Life and Let It Be" (verse 4)

**Take my love, my God, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.**

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Little Prelude in C"

Johann Sebastian 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  
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus

Ward Gailey, Music Director  
Linda Hodges, Office Manager  
Nursery: Elizabeth Wagner & Suzie Wharton

# *Stockbridge Presbyterian Church*

*September 17, 2017*

*11:00 a.m.*



*Who are you  
to pass judgment on servants of another?  
It is before their own lord that they stand or fall.  
Romans 14:4a*

## 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 "My Heart Rejoices"

David Paxton

#### 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 #606 "As Your Family, Lord, Meet Us Here"

**As your family, Lord meet us here, as your family, Lord meet us here,  
As your family, Lord, meet us here, O Lord, meet us here.**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 133)

Liturgist: Aaron Dunn

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

**All: It is like 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 #580 "We Are Called to Be God's People"

Austrian Hymn

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, how quick we are to find fault, to criticize and judge others. Forgive us when we are prideful and self-righteous. Forgive us when we judge, and do not love. Help us, Lord, to be so filled with your love that it touches all whom we meet. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 8:1-2)

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 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 #464 "May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

St. Leonards

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

Aaron Roberts

#### ANTHEM "Tend My Sheep" Canedo, arr. Purifoy

Terry Holmes, Greg Lathrop, soloists

Sanctuary Choir

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING Psalm 133

Page 543, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING Romans 14:1-12

Page 152, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "Live and Let Live"

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.**