

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "Be Still, My Soul"

Jean Sibelius, arr. Harold DeCou

*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 #372 "Then Shall I Live"

*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 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

arr. John A. Behnke



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 24, 2017

11:00 a.m.



*The whole congregation of the Israelites
complained against Moses and Aaron
in the wilderness.*

Exodus 16:2

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"

David German

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Greg Lathrop

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 106)

Liturgist: Greg Lathrop

Leader: Praise the Lord!

All: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Leader: His steadfast love endures forever.

All: Blessed be the Lord our God from everlasting to everlasting.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #68 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we are quick to complain, and slow to give thanks. Forgive us when we focus on what we don't have, instead of the blessings we do have. Help us to find our joy in you, and be grateful to you in everything. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Galatians 1:3b-4)

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father. 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"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Susan Bennett

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

ANTHEM "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place" Mark Hill

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Exodus 16:2-15

Page 60, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Matthew 20:1-16

Page 20, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Complaining: A Puzzle"

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.