

OFFERTORY "Christ, Thou Art My Life"

Johann Gottfried Walther

*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 #581 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" (verses 1 and 4 only)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #748 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound; may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound; ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Variation on God of Grace"

Hal H. Hopson



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
Glory Cumbow, Youth Director
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus

Ward Gailey, Music Director
Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Nursery: Stephanie Phillips & Breon Williams

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

September 25, 2016
11:00 a.m.



*There was a rich man who was
dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted
sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a
poor man named Lazarus ...
Luke 16:19-20a*

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during this hour of worship.
Otherwise, Susan will turn into her evil twin and give you The Look.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Darin Clipper

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Variations on Beethoven's *Ode to Joy*"

Hal H. Hopson

Acolyte: Collin Roberts

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Carolyn Francis

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 #43 "Majesty"

Majesty, worship his majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority flow from his throne unto his own, his anthem raise. So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus; magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King. Majesty, worship his majesty; Jesus, who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 91)

Liturgist: Carolyn Francis

Leader: How blessed we are to live in the shelter of the Most High;

All: And to abide in the shadow of the Almighty!

Leader: The Lord is our refuge and our fortress;

All: Our God, in whom we trust.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #59 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we are apathetic, selfish, focused only on ourselves and our needs. Forgive us for the times when we miss the opportunity you bring us to help someone in need. Remind us to see all your children with your compassion, love, and care. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Galatians 1:3-4)

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins in order to set us free from this 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

GLORIA

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 #569 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

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

ANTHEM "My Worth Is Not in What I Own" K.Getty/arr. Angerman

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

Page 518, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Luke 16:19-31

Page 75, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Lazarus and the Rich Man"

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.

MINISTRY OF GIVING