

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Gene Clarke

*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 #458 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #595 "They'll Know We Are Christians" (verse 2)

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Psalm 19: The Heavens Are Telling the Glory of God"

Benedetto Marcello



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

October 8, 2017

11:00 a.m.



*Let the words of my mouth and
the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.
Psalm 19:14*

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 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

arr. Gregg Sewell

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Terry Holmes

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 #131 "Surely the Presence"

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings,

I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 19)

Liturgist: Terry Holmes

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God;

All: And the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

All: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #100 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, too often we neglect your Word, and then wonder why we feel spiritually empty. We forget your presence with us, and ignore your Spirit's call to prayer. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to value you above all else, and to put you at the very center of our lives. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Ephesians 1:7-8a)

Leader: In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our sins, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. Friends, give thanks again for God's eternal mercy:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

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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 #483 "Take Time to Be Holy"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Susan Bennett

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

ANTHEM "The Heavens Are Telling" Beethoven

Sanctuary Choir

Terry Holmes and Jeffrey Cochran, soloists

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 19

Page 472, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Page 63, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Here is Right from Wrong"

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.