

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "Tranquility"

Robert J. Powell

*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 #72 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (To the tune of "Edelweiss")

**May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see God's face and God's grace forever.
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever!**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Baroque Trumpet"

Gordon Young



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

**October 9, 2016
11:00 a.m.**



*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies
never come to an end; they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
Lamentations 3:22-23*

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

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Little Prelude in G"

Johann Sebastian Bach

Acolyte: Elora Newsome

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Cooper Keller

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 #87 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

**Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
Christ is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 46)

Liturgist: Cooper Keller

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.

All: Therefore we will not fear.

Leader: "Be still," says the Lord, "and know that I am God!"

All: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #411 "How Firm a Foundation"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive us when we doubt your love and care. Forgive us when we are angry
because you do not automatically give us what we demand. Forgive our selfishness and our blind-
ness to the things that matter most. Help us to trust you, to give ourselves to you knowing that you
are completely wise, loving, and good. 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 trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. Friends, give thanks again
for the great good news of the kingdom of God:

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 #428 "When Peace Like a River"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sue Scheer

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

ANTHEM "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" Gordon Young

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 137

Page 544, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Lamentations 3:19-26

Page 720, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "When It Just Doesn't Make Sense"

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.**