

OFFERTORY "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

arr. John A. Behnke

*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 #440 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (verses 1-2 only)

*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 "Light of Lights, Lord of Lords"

Tom Birchwood



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 16, 2016

11:00 a.m.



*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will
of God in Christ Jesus for you.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

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

Aaron Roberts

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

HANDBELL INTROIT "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

John Hatton

OPENING VOLUNTARY "As the Deer"

Martin Nystrom, arr. Carl Seal

Acolyte: TBD

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 #87 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

**Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 66)

Liturgist: Laura Richardson

Leader: Come and see what God has done! He is awesome!

All: All the earth worships you, O Lord; we sing praises to you.

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; sing the glory of his name.

All: We praise and worship you, our Lord.

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, too often we are busy and forgetful, and neglect our times with you. We do not pray as we should, we ignore you except when we need something, and we are indifferent to your Word. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to fully understand that you are the source of all love and light, and that we need you every moment. Please hear us now as we continue our confession 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, rejoice again in God's amazing grace:

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 #358 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Stephanie Dunn

ANTHEM "I Look to Mountains High" Antonio Caldara/arr, Hopson

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 42

Page 487, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5:15-18

Page 193, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Falling in Love with God"

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