

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "Consecrated, Lord, to Thee"

Douglas E. Wagner

*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 #345 "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #595 "They'll Know We Are Christians" (verse 1)

**We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
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 "Postlude in D"

Christian Rinck



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 22, 2017

11:00 a.m.



Then Jesus said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."

Matthew 22:21

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 "Sound the Trumpet"

Henry Purcell, arr. Hopson

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Stephanie Phillips-Ayoola

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 99)

Liturgist: Stephanie Phillips-Ayoola

Leader: The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

All: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

Leader: Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool.

All: Holy is he!

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #100 "All Hail the Power"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, we are so easily distracted, so quickly immersed in our own cares and worries. Forgive us when we focus too much on this unstable world and not enough on Jesus, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Help us to find our focus and our foundation in him alone. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 John 1:9)

Leader: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 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 #146 "Glorify Thy Name"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

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

ANTHEM "Hide Me Under the Shadow of Your Wings" J.E. West

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Exodus 33:12-23

Page 77, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Matthew 22:15-22

Page 23, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "When Our Focus Is on 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.