

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "For the Beauty of the Earth"

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*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 #66 "To God Be the Glory"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #717 "Go Now in Peace" (verse 1)

**Go now in peace; though friends must part, your presence lives in every heart.
Your gifts to us no words can tell: go now in peace, in Christ go well.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "How Firm a Foundation"

arr. Don Hustad



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
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director
Ward Gailey, Music Director
Dorothy Clark, Organist

Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Tom Francis, Custodian
Nursery: Stephanie Phillips & Megan Bennett

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

**October 25, 2015
11:00 a.m.**



*Where were you when I laid the foundation of the
earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.
Job 38:4*

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 "Festive Trumpet Tune"

Acolyte: Lexie Buchan

David German

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Jim Beisner

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 #11 "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" (verse 4)

**Stand up and bless the Lord, the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless his glorious name, both now and evermore.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 104)

Liturgist: Laura Richardson

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, you are very great.

All: You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.

Leader: You make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.

All: You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #40 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we forget that you are God, and we are not. Forgive us when we complain about our lives, when we doubt your goodness, when we wonder where you are. Help us to trust you with faith and confidence, knowing that we are your beloved children, and we are safe with you. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 5:1-2a)

Leader: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand. Friends, give thanks again for the great good news of the gospel:

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 #486 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord!"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

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

ANTHEM "Blow Ye the Trumpet, Blow!" Edison, arr. Gailey

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Mark 10:35-45

Page 44, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Job 38:1-7, 34-41

Page 458, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Maybe It's Just None of Our Business"

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.