

OFFERTORY "Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

Michael Burkhardt

*DOXOLOGY

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**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 #22 "Let All Things Now Living"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #12 "Be Exalted, O God"

**Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be over all the earth.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be over all the earth.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Now Thank We All Our God"

Sigfrid Karg-Elert



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: Suzie Wharton & Breon Williams

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

**November 20, 2016
11:00 a.m.**



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 "Now Thank We All Our God"

J. S. Bach, arr. Virgil Fox

Acolyte: Marie Anne LaFaye Coutin-Baxter

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Aaron Roberts

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 #67 "Come, We That Love the Lord"

**Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known,
join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 59)

Liturgist: Aaron Roberts

Leader: We will sing of your might; we will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.

All: For you have been a fortress for us, a refuge in the days of our distress.

Leader: We will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are our strength.

All: You are the God who shows us steadfast love.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #81 "We Gather Together"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when our hearts are ungrateful. Forgive us when we complain, when we forget how abundantly generous you are, when we take for granted your favor and blessing. Remind us that every good thing in our lives is a gift from you, and soften our hearts to give you thanks. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Colossians 1:13-14)

Leader: God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Friends, rejoice again in God's amazing grace:

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 #721 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

ANTHEM "Sing for Joy" (It Is Good to Give Thanks) Allen Pote

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Jeremiah 23:1-6

Page 681, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Colossians 1:11-20

Page 188, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Why We Worship"

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