

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "Thanks Be to Thee"

George Frideric Handel

*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 #14 "Now Thank We All Our God" (verse 1)

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices; who, from our mother's arms,
has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Now Thank We All Our God"

Georg Friedrich Kaufmann



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

November 22, 2015
11:00 a.m.



*I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who
abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because
apart from me you can do nothing.
John 15:5*

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"

Johann Sebastian Bach, arr. Virgil Fox

Acolyte: Marie Anna LaFaye Coutin-Baxter

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Ron Scheer

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 #342 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" (verse 4)

**Rejoice in glorious hope for Christ the Judge shall come to gather all his saints
to their eternal home: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 133)

Liturgist: Aaron Roberts

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

All: It is like the precious oil on the head; it is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

Leader: For there the Lord ordained his blessing:

All: Life forevermore!

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #721 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive our stubborn hearts, our wayward spirits. Forgive us when we ignore your Word and your Spirit, and run ahead of your perfect timing. Help us learn to rest in you, to trust you, and to wait for you with the faith of a child. 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, give thanks again for 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 #726 "We Praise You, O God"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

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

ANTHEM "Now Thank We All Our God" J.S. Bach

Sanctuary Choir

Arlene Lathrop, oboe

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING John 15:1-5

Page 103, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Psalm 127:1-2

Page 541, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THANKSGIVING TESTIMONIES

Bettye Cochran

Darin Clipper

Aaron Roberts

Betsy Sierra

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.