

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "Chorale"

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.

One: In every circumstance,

All: we give you thanks, O God.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF SENDING #335 "Christ the Eternal Lord"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #508 "Lead On, O King Eternal" (verse 2)

**Lead on, O King Eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper the sweet Amen of peace; for not with swords loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums, with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.**

*POSTLUDE "Jesus Shall Reign"

C. S. Lang



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. Betsy Turner, Interim Pastor
Dorothy Clark, Organist
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus

Ward Gailey, Music Director
Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Nursery: Suzie Wharton and Allie Dunn

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

November 25, 2018

11:00 a.m.



"Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come... and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth."

Revelation 1:4-5

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.

CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE Festal Prelude on "Coronation"

Gilbert M. Martin

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 #342 "Rejoice, the Lord is King (verse 1)

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say rejoice!

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 132)

Liturgist: Aaron Roberts

One: Let us go to God's dwelling place with thanksgiving;

All: Let us worship at the footstool of our king.

One: Rise up, O Lord, and go to your resting-place;

All: You and your ark of your might.

One: Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;

All: And let your faithful shout with joy!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #341 "Jesus Shall Reign"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy One,

We dare to call you Lord, but we yield to you only fragments of our lives. You had nowhere to lay your head; we surround ourselves with comfort at the expense of others. We expect to serve you with what remains after we have indulged our desires. We trust in the promises of earthly rulers more than the power of your love. Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, our misplaced loyalties, and our desire to pick and choose the times and places we will respond to your call. Hear now as we confess in silence the particular ways we need your grace...

[silence]

Hear our prayer, O God. Take away from us all that does not serve you, and grant us once again enough grace for the day. In the name of Christ, your greatest gift, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting – it can not be contained, it must be poured out. Friends, believe this good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

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

ANTHEM "The Lord Is a Mighty God" Michael Jothan

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Revelation 1:1-8

Page 230, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING John 18:33-37

Page 106, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "So, Are You a King?"

Rev. Betsy Turner

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.