

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY

Linda Roberts

*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 #381 "Restore in Us, O God"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #250 "Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights" (verse 1)

**Throughout these Lenten days and nights we turn to walk the inward way,
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light, we live in hope till Easter Day.**

*POSTLUDE

Linda Roberts



Thank you to Linda Roberts for being our accompanist today.

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

March 24, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Third Sunday in Lent



"If it bears fruit next year, well and good."

Luke 13:9

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

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

Linda Roberts

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Greg Lathrop

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 #1 "God Is Here!" (verse 1)

**God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 55)

Liturgist: Paul Szeto

One: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.

All: **You that have no money, come, buy and eat.**

One: I will make with you an everlasting covenant, says our God,

All: **listen carefully and delight in good things.**

One: Come to me, says the Lord, whose steadfast love is sure.

All: **Come and seek the Lord! Come and worship God!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #354 "Just As I Am"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, we are deeply aware that your ways are not our ways, and your thoughts are not our thoughts. We have faltered. We have failed. We have been complacent. We have not trusted you. We have not lived in peace. We have not embraced your steadfast love. We have not shared your grace. We have distorted your truth. We have harmed one another and your good world. Hear us now as we confess in silence the particular ways we need your grace.

~silence~

Be patient with us, O God of our salvation. Quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. Help us to amend who we are, in the hope of becoming what you intend us to be, even as we rest in your overwhelming grace, made known to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news: God's love is sure and steadfast, always promising a way out, a way through, and a way back to God.

All: **Through the waters of baptism, we are made new and whole. In Jesus Christ, we are welcomed, freed, and 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

Stephanie Dunn

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

ANTHEM "God's Not Dead" Daniel Bashta

Children's Choir

Monica Andrea Coutin-Baxter, violin, Marie Anne Coutin-Baxter, guitar

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Isaiah 55

Page 644, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Luke 13:1-9

Page 71, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done..."

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.