

OFFERTORY "Silencium"

John Harle

*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 #455 "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #231 "Arise, Your Light Has Come" (verse 4)

**Arise, your light has come.
The mountains burst in song.
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's pow'r will make us strong.**

*POSTLUDE "Paramount"

Lalo Schifrin



Thank you to Ward Gailey for providing our music 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
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus

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

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

July 21, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"Those who wait for the Lord
shall renew their strength."
Isaiah 40:31*

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 "Gavotte" Monica Andrea Coutin-Baxter, violin

Martini

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Judy Simmons

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 #134 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

**There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**

**Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us,
filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our heart in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been relieved when we shall leave this place.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 25)

Liturgist: Carolyn Francis

One: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness.

All: for those who keep God's covenant.

One: God leads the humble in what is right

All: and teaches the humble his good way.

One: O my God, in you I trust

All: To you, O Lord, we lift our hearts. Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #72 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have been distracted with many things and have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not paid enough attention to your word. We have neglected the poor and stood by as the weak are oppressed. We have grown weary in the faith, impatient in our worship, and insincere in our dealings with others. We ignore signs of injustice and disregard warnings of judgement. Hear us now as we confess in silence the particular ways we need your grace...

~silence~

God, out of the abundance of your mercy, forgive us and teach us your repentance. Free us from our habits of pride and make us steadfast and strong in the faith, that we may live daily as those who are reconciled to you. In Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Great is God's faithfulness to us! God's mercy is new every morning! Be strong and take courage in this good news of the gospel:

All: By the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI

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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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

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

SOLO "Who You Say I Am" Marie Anne Coutin-Baxter

Hillsong

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Colossians 1:1-14

Page 188, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Isaiah 40:28-31

Page 628, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Dog Days of Summer and of Faith"

Elder Paul Szeto

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