

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "Standing in the Need of Prayer"

Traditional

*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 #350 "The Summons" ("Will You Come and Follow Me")

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #576 "Make Me a Servant"

**Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord, let me lift up those who are weak;
and may the prayer of my heart always be:
make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.**

*POSTLUDE "With God's Hand in Mine"

J. Fred Coots



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
Linda Hodges, Office Manager

Ward Gailey, Music Director
Gena Ridgeway, Organist/Pianist
Nursery: Suzie Wharton and Allie Dunn

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

*August 25, 2019
11:00 a.m.*

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"You shall go to all to whom I send you"
Jeremiah 1:7*

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 "Amazing Grace"

Traditional Sacred

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Laura Richardson

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 #706 "I Come With Joy" (verse 1)

**I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love, laid down for me.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 71)

Liturgist: Lee Hart

One: For you, O Lord, are my hope,

All: my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

One: Upon you I have leaned from my birth.

All: My praise is continually of you.

One: Let us worship God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #593 "Lord, Speak to Me"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Sudie Niesen Thompson

Holy God, you claimed us before the foundation of the world, and set us apart for your work – to pluck up the weeds of injustice and tear down walls that divide; to plant seeds of compassion and build your kingdom of peace. But too often we cower in fear instead of stepping out in faith.

Like Jeremiah, we make excuses – we are too young, or too old; we do not have the right gifts or the experience to lead. Like Jesus' opponents, we are concerned more about what's appropriate than what is compassionate, more on the letter of the law than the spirit of faithfulness. Hear us now as we confess in silence the particular ways we need your grace.

~Silence~

Forgive us, God, when we resist our callings and choose what is comfortable over what is faithful. Help us remember that – in you – we are fully known and fully loved. May this assurance give us courage in our calling to pluck up and to tear down, to build and to plant, in service to Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: There is no hiding our sin from our Creator, but also no need to hide. The one who knitted us together in our mothers' wombs searches us and knows our hearts.

All: Our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of love. The transformative grace of Jesus Christ makes us whole. 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

Paul Szeto

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

ANTHEM "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place" Mark Hill

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Jeremiah 1:4-10

Page 656, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Luke 13:10-17

Page 101, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Called to Compassion: No Excuses!"

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.