

INVITATION TO THE MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus"

James Mansfield

*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 #716 "God Be With You"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Let the Church Say Amen"

**Let the Church say Amen,
Let the Church say Amen,
God has spoken, so
Let the Church say Amen.**

*POSTLUDE "Down at the Cross"

Mercy Bartlett



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

September 22, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Joseph Prentiss

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 #4 "Bless His Holy Name"

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, Bless his holy name.

He has done great things, he has done great things, he has done great things, Bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Greg Lathrop

One: The work of the Creator is visible.

All: **Let us respond with praise.**

One: The example of Jesus is apparent.

All: **Let us respond with obedience.**

One: The wind of the Spirit is blowing

All: **Let us respond with joy.**

One: The word of God is calling.

All: **Let us worship in spirit and in truth.**

From *Be Our Freedom, Lord*,
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*HYMN OF PRAISE #40 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Written by Rev. Reggie Avant

Gracious and Merciful God we come before you this morning broken and in need of your forgiveness. We ask this morning that you look upon us with your eyes of grace. God please forgive us for not trusting in you completely with our lives. God you encouraged us to cast all our cares upon you. But we can't because our hands are still clinched and we won't let go.

God forgive us for not letting go and, thinking that we know what is best for our lives. Help us to completely trust you by unclenching our hands and allowing you to take control of our lives. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God brings to us good news today. I will never leave you or forsake you, even when you leave and forsake me. The truth is that I love you so much that I sacrificed my son for you.

All: **Embrace the good news that today you are FORGIVEN.**

*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.)

DUET "In the Garden"

Laura Richardson and Linda Roberts

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Isaiah 43:1-5

Page 631, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 13:4-5

Page 214, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "What Happens When You Feel like God Has Abandoned You?"

Rev. Reggie Avant

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.