

INVITATION TO THE MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

Charles H. Gabriel

*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 #466 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #706 "I Come With Joy" (verse 5)

**Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
We'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.**

*POSTLUDE "Open the Gates of The Temple"

Mrs. Joseph F. Knapp



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, Accompanist
Nursery: Suzie Wharton and Allie Dunn

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

September 29, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"Command them not to be haughty,
or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches,
but rather on God who richly provides us
with everything..."*
1 Timothy 6:17

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 "Jesus, Lover Of My Soul"

Charles Wesley

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Ron Scheer

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 #492 "Spirit of the Living God" (verse 2)

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;

Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love: humble, caring, selfless, sharing.

Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 65)

Liturgist: Sue Scheer

One: Praise is due to you, O God,

All: and happy are those who draw near to you with thanksgiving.

One: We shall be satisfied with your goodness,

All: for you are the hope of all the ends of the earth.

One: Even the meadows and valleys sing together,

All: and the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

One: Let us join our voices with all who sing praises to our generous God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #68 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of grace, you have called us to give ourselves completely to you. Yet, we often hold back part for worldly pursuits. You have given us the gift of time. You give us time to serve, time to learn, time to grow, time to share. We spend our time serving self. You provide us with opportunity to serve in numerous ways using the talents and abilities we have been given. We tend to hide our gifts. You have provided even the least among us with more financial resources than most of the world. We resist sharing because of fear for the future. You have provided us with a beautiful creation to enjoy. We take it for granted and abuse this incredible earth. Hear us now as we confess in silence the particular ways we need your grace...

~silence~

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Keep calling us to give ourselves completely to you – our time, our skills, our money, our very lives. By your incredibly generous grace, give us the courage to respond to your calling, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Here is good news: God is generous, and abounds in steadfast love. Though we sin, God never gives up on us. God keeps calling us back, again and again, and giving us courage to respond in faithfulness.

All: We are a forgiven people, and we will seek to be faithful and generous, according to God's mercy upon us. Thanks be to God for the gift of grace!

*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

Monica Coutin-Baxter

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

ANTHEM "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?" Spiritual, arr. Olson

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 65

Page 499, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Page 198, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "A Root of All Kinds of Evil"

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.