

INVITATION TO THE MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "Gloria, Gloria"

Jacques Berthier

*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 #708 "Go Forth for God"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #104 "Hidden Christ, Alive Forever" (verse 5)

**Christ our hope, alive among us, take our love, our work, our prayer.
We will trust and tell your purpose, braving evil and despair,
In your name befriending, mending, making peace and setting free,
Showing, giving and acclaiming signs of joy and jubilee.**

*POSTLUDE "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

Ralph Vaughan Williams



Welcome, guests! Thank you for joining us in worship today. We invite everyone to sign the Friendship Pad, and our first-time visitors to also fill out the blue card found in the pew. If you have any questions or wish to become a member of our congregation, don't hesitate to ask a neighbor on the pew or the pastor. We are honored by your presence here today, and hope to welcome you back next 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

January 19, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"It is too light a thing that you should
be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob...
I will give you as a light to the nations."*

Isaiah 49:6

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 "Brightest and Best of Stars"

James P. Harding

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 #35 "Morning Has Broken" (verse 1)

Morning has broken like the first morning, black-bird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from 1 Corinthians 1)

Liturgist: Carolyn Francis

One: The grace of God has been given to you in Christ Jesus -

All: indeed, in every way we have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind!

One: The testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you -

All: Indeed, we are not lacking any spiritual gift as we wait for his revealing.

One: God is faithful!

**All: By the power of the Spirit, we are called into this fellowship and sent forth to serve.
Let us give thanks and worship God!**

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God, we confess that we are tired. We are so tired of the brokenness within us, and of the brokenness we see around us in the world. We are tired of feeling powerless in the face of evil. We are tired of trying and failing. We are tired of hurting and struggling. We are tired of the challenge of the gospel, our own feelings of unworthiness, and our chronic inability to obey you fully. We are weary, in mind, body, and spirit, from the burdens we bear and the challenges of life as your faithful people. We come to you today because we are tired. Hear us now as we confess in silence the particular ways we need your grace...

~silence~

O Lord, give us rest for our weariness, and energy for the continuing journey ahead. Do not withhold your mercy from us. Let your steadfast love renew us, and your faithfulness sustain us forever. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: I will tell the glad news of deliverance in the congregation. I declare to you God's faithfulness, and our salvation through Christ.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in our God, who takes thought for us. Thanks be to God, who is our help and deliverer!

*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.)

ANTHEM "Down to the River to Pray" Craig Curry

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 40:1-11

Page 486, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Isaiah 49:1-7

Page 638, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Too Light a Thing"

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.