

MINISTRY OF GIVING

SHARING THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Nominating Committee

OFFERTORY "Here I Am, Lord"

Daniel L. Schutte

*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 #344 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

**I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back.
We have decided to follow Jesus, we have decided to follow Jesus,
we have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back.**

*POSTLUDE "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Joseph Barnby



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

February 16, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD."
Psalm 119:1*

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 "Hark, the Lord Celestial Hymn"

Old Austrian Hymn

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Aaron Roberts

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 #566 "Your Servant Comes This Hour" (verse 1)

**Your servant comes this hour in true humility,
believing in your call, O God, and answering, "Lord, send me."**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 119)

Liturgist: Aaron Roberts

One: Happy are those who walk in the way of the Lord.

All: **Happy are we who journey together as God's faithful people.**

One: Happy are those who seek God with their whole heart.

All: **Happy are we who find the Lord's holy presence in this place, among us.**

One: Indeed, happy are we as we worship God together!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #668 "Wonderful Words of Life"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord of our lives, you have told us what is good. We have heard what you have said from ancient times until now, and yet we have lived in sinfulness. We have been angry, held grudges, and not cleared the air. We have lusted, violated trust, and been unfaithful in covenants with one another. We have spoken falsely, lied in your name, and been mean with our words. For all the many ways we are petty and bitter and broken and indifferent, we beg your mercy. Hear us now as we confess in silence the particular ways we need your grace...

~silence~

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Do not be ashamed or afraid, my friends, but hold to this great hope: God made us, God loves us, God forgives us, and in Christ, all things are made whole, even us.

All: **Forgiven and freed in the Spirit, we commit ourselves to walk in the way of the Lord and keep the commandments. Thanks be to God for the gift of grace!**

*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

Rev. Betsy Turner

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

ANTHEM "Hear My Prayer, O God" Arcadelt

Sanctuary Choir

Hear my prayer, O God. Turn not from me. Harken unto my voice of my supplication.

I will call on God. He alone will be my salvation. He endureth for all generations.

O Lord almighty, turn not Thyself from me, I pray Thee, Lord God. O hear my prayer. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 119:1-8

Page 535, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Matthew 5:21-37

Page 4, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "But I tell you..."

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.