

MINISTRY OF GIVING

SHARING THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE

Music Ministry

OFFERTORY "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Ralph Vaughn Williams

*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 #7 "When in Our Music God is Glorified"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #249 "Amen, Amen" (refrain—sing through twice)
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen

*POSTLUDE "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

H. Percy Smith



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 23, 2020

11:00 a.m.

*Transfiguration Sunday
Service of Songs*



*"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!"
Psalm 66:1*

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 "There is a Fountain"

Early American Melody

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 #48 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (verse 1)

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 96, 98)

Liturgist: Lee Hart

One: O sing to the LORD a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

All: **Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it.**

One: Let the fields be jubilant, let the rivers clap their hands, let the forests and the mountains sing for joy.

All: **Make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing.**

One: With trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn, shout for joy before the LORD who reigns.

All: **O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #729 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

This hymn, often referred to as the Black national anthem, was initially a poem written for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900. The text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, especially in the African American community. We sing it today in honor of Black History Month.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy One, you call all who dwell on earth to follow you, singing songs of praise. We confess, however, that your song has been silenced within us. We are unwilling to sing new songs—or to embrace sisters and brothers whose songs are different from our own. We sing as we live—as if pleasing ourselves were more important than pleasing you. Hear us now as we confess in silence the particular ways we need your grace...

~silence~

Forgive us, Lord God, and cleanse our hearts of all that stifles your voice in us. Join our songs with the whole church so that together we may sing your grace to the world you love. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Sing a new song of joyful praise! Rejoice, people of God, in the good news:

All: **God loves us! Jesus saves us! The Spirit is upon us! We are forgiven and set free to sing our praise! Thanks be to God!**

*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

Stephanie Dunn

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

ANTHEM "Transfiguration" William Thompson

Sanctuary Choir

O light of light, love given birth; Jesus, Redeemer of the Earth; More bright than day your face did show, your raiment whiter than the snow. Two prophets who had faith to see, with your elect found company.

The heavens above your glory named, your Father's voice his Son proclaimed. May all who seek to praise aright, through purer lives show forth your light. To you, the King of glory, now all faithful hearts adoring bow.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Psalm 150

Pew Bible, Page 551

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SCRIPTURE Matthew 17:1-7

Pew Bible, Page 17

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SCRIPTURE Ephesians 5:15-20

Pew Bible, Page 183

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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.