

MINISTRY OF GIVING

WORK OF THE PEOPLE Coat Closet

Stephanie Phillips Ayoola

OFFERTORY "Come to the Cross"

Bill Batstone and Bob Soma

*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 #432 "As Water for the Thirsty"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #252 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" (verse 1 & 5)

**Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
Abide with us, that through this life of doubts and hope and pain,
an Easter of unending joy we may at last attain!**

*POSTLUDE "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" Rathbun

Conkey and Janet Linker



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

March 15, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Third Sunday in Lent



*"As a deer longs for flowing streams of water,
so my soul longs for you, O God."*

Psalm 42:1

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 "Ah Holy Jesus" Herliebster Jesu

Paul Manz

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Stephanie Dunn

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 #477 "Come and Find the Quiet Center" (verse 1)

**Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace and simply be.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Stephanie Dunn

One: O come, let us worship and bow down

All: **let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.**

One: The hour is coming, and is now here,

All: **the time for worship and adoration,**

One: the time to talk with Jesus and receive his living water,

All: **the time to respond to grace with joy and faith.**

One: In spirit and in truth, let us worship God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #93 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord, you know who I am, and you know everything I have done. I thirst for things that will never satisfy me. I commit myself to things that will never last. I worship things that will never bring salvation. Hear us now as we confess in silence the particular ways we need your grace...

~silence~

Forgive me, O Lord. I rejoice that in Christ, you offer me the gift of living water, and the promise of eternal life. Forgive me, Lord, and give me this living water, so that I may never thirst again. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God sent Jesus into the world, not to condemn us, but that the world might be saved through him.

All: **This is good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed – thanks be to God! Amen.**

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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 "The Oldest Rock of Ages" arr. Gailey

Sanctuary Choir

Rock of Ages, cleft for me. Let me hide myself in Thee.

Let the water and the blood cleanse my heart and make me pure. Foes have cruelly fought us, but Thy word has taught us how to live. Thanks we give. Courage Thou has taught us.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands. Could my zeal no respite know, Thou dost save, and Thou alone. By your Grace you've saved us from our sin that works could not atone. By your Grace we are free, ever with our hearts toward Thee.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 42

Page 487, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING John 4:5-42

Page 89, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Conversations with Jesus: Jesus talks to a woman at a well"

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.