

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

When passing the bread to your neighbor say, "The body of Christ, broken for you."

When passing the cup to your neighbor say, "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

We will hold each element until all are served and then partake together.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF SENDING #501 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #113 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" (verse 1)

**Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks and sing; your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

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. Susan Bennett, Pastor
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director
Ward Gailey, Music Director
Zachary Smith, Musician

Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Tom Francis, Custodian
Nursery Attendants: Stephanie Phillips and Megan Bennett

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

February 1, 2015

11:00 am



Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion

They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Mark 1:22

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during this hour of worship.
Otherwise, Susan will turn into her evil twin and give you The Look.)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Aubrey & Miranda Morrow

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 #56 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (verse 1)

Sing praise to God who reigns above,

the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. My soul with comfort rich he fills, and every grief he gently stills: to God all praise and glory!

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 111)

Liturgist: Aaron Roberts

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the congregation.

All: Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

Leader: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

All: He sent redemption to his people; his covenant is eternal.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #95 "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, help us to see you fully: not only as our Redeemer and Friend, but also Almighty God, our Lord and King. Forgive us when we crave power, when we strive for control over people and situations. Remind us that you are stronger, wiser, and the only source of true power in the universe. Help us to humble our hearts before you. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 John 1:9)

Leader: If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Friends, rejoice again in God's amazing grace:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

*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

ANTHEM "When Mary to the Temple Came" Phillip Young

Arlene Lathrop, oboe

Sanctuary Choir

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 18:15-22

Page 168, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Mark 1:21-28

Page 33, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Question of Authority"

Rev. Susan Bennett

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.

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY

Zachary Smith

*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.**