

**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 MUSIC** "Holy, Holy, Holy" Franz Schubert, Comp. Ladies Trio  
Allison Johnson, Laura Richardson, Linda Roberts

**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 #706 "I Come with Joy" (Verses 1, 3, and 5 only)

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #590 "Rise Up, O Saints of God!" (Verse 1)  
**Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn;  
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.**

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY Zachary Smith



**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*

**March 1, 2015  
11:00 am**



## **Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion**

*Therefore Abraham's faith was  
reckoned to him as righteousness.  
Romans 4:22*

## 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: Isabella Newsome

### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Terry Holmes

**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 #97 "Meekness and Majesty" (Verse 1)

**Meekness and majesty, human and deity, in perfect harmony, the One who is God.**

**Lord of eternity, dwells in humanity; kneels in humility and washes our feet. O what a mystery, meekness and majesty; bow down and worship, for this is your God.**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 22)

Liturgist: John Dunn

Leader: You are holy, O God, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**All: In you we trust; we trust, and you deliver us.**

Leader: To you we cry, and we are saved.

**All: Those who seek you shall praise you forever.**

**All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!**

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #95 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, life can be hard, and we often stumble. Forgive us when we turn away from you, refusing to trust you, and try so hard to control things ourselves. Forgive us when we think we know the better way. Through your Spirit, teach us to trust and love you as we ourselves are loved. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 8:1-2)

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. Friends, give thanks again for God's amazing grace:

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

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

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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

Tami Pass

### ANTHEM "Who is Jesus?" Jeffrey Honoré

Sanctuary Choir

Arlene Lathrop, oboe

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

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Page 12, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING Romans 4:13-25

Page 145, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON "When It All Just Seems Impossible"

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.**

### 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.