

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 #458 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #97 "Meekness and Majesty"

**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.**

*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 our Christian faith and about our 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 Abigail Jenkins

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

March 2, 2014

11:00 am



Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion

While Peter was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"

Matthew 17:5

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

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Sydney Holloway

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 #251 "I Come to the Cross"

**I come to the cross seeking mercy and grace;
I come to the cross where you died in my place. Out of my weakness and into your strength;
humbly I come to the cross.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 99)

Leader: The Lord is great! He is exalted over all.

All: We praise your great and awesome name. You are holy!

We extol you, O Lord, and worship at your footstool.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

Liturgist: Adam Dunn

*HYMN OF PRAISE #706 "I Come with Joy"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we take the powerful simplicity of the gospel and complicate it with our doubts and fears. Forgive us when we don't accept your word to us. Forgive us when we don't even try to hear you. Help us to know you fully -- our God of love and grace and truth. 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 us free from the law of sin and of death. Friends, give thanks again for God's saving grace:

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

GLORIA PATRI

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.

GLORIA

PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Betsy Sierra

ANTHEM "Simple Gifts" Shaker Tune, arr. Jothan

Sanctuary Choir
Linda Roberts, Zachary Smith, bells

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING 2 Peter 1:16-21

Page 222, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Matthew 17:1-9

Page 19, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Simple and Sure"

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.

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.

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.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING