

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 #84 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (verses 1, 2, 3 only)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #708 "Go Forth for God"

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace; be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace, in God's good Spirit daily to increase, till in the kingdom we see face to face. Go forth for God go to the world in peace.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Lenten March"

Luigi Bottazzo



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
Dorothy Clark, Organist

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

Stockbridge Presbyterian

Church

March 6, 2016

11:00 am



Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion

*For my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and
dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked
cisterns that can hold no water.*

Jeremiah 2:13

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 "Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Gabriel Fauré

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Marie Anne LaFaye Coutin-Baxter

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: John 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 #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 32)

Liturgist: John Dunn

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is washed away.

All: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Leader: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice.

All: Shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #513 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, your living water gives us life and strength and hope. Forgive us when we drink instead from the stagnant pools of sin, neglect, and ignorance. Forgive us when our hearts are hard and we ignore you in favor of self-indulgence and selfishness. Remind us to drink deeply of the pure and life-giving water you offer, finding in you our peace. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Ephesians 1:7-8a)

Leader: In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. Friends, give thanks again for the great good news of the gospel:

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 "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" Carl Mueller

Sanctuary Choir

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-7

Page, 644 Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Jeremiah 2:4-13

Page 657, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "You Are What You Worship"

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 "Christ, Thou Art My Life"

Johann Pachelbel

*DOXOLOGY

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**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.**