

GREAT 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 #263 "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #257 (verse 3) "What Wondrous Love Is This"

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I will sing! To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM,"
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing!

*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

April 6, 2014

11:00 am



Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Romans 8:11

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: Collin Roberts

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Allison Johnson

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 #252 (verse 1) "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

Lord, who through-out

**these forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins
and close by you to stay.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 130)

Leader: O Church, hope in the Lord!

All: For with the Lord there is steadfast love;

Leader: And with him is great power to redeem.

All: We wait for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

Liturgist: Jim Beisner

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we ignore you. Forgive us when we are inattentive to your **Spirit**, your Word, and your Presence. Remind us that the things we seek the most passionately are the things that are temporary; only you and the spirit you have placed within us are eternal. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (I Timothy 1:15a)

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Friends, give thanks again for the great good news of the gospel:

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

Sue Scheer

ANTHEM "Amen" Spiritual, arr. Grotenhuis

Sanctuary Choir
Adam Dunn, soloist

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 130

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Page 542, Pew Bible

SECOND READING Romans 8:6-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Page 147, Pew Bible

SERMON "What's On Your Mind?"

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.