

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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 #385 "Search Me, O God"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #302 "He Lives"

**He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Praise God, You Christians, All Together"

Johann Gottfried Walther



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
Dorothy Clark, Organist
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus

Ward Gailey, Music Director
Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Nursery Attendants: Suzie Wharton and Allie Dunn

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

*April 8, 2018
11:00 a.m.*



Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion

*If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins,
he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

1 John 1:8-9

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 "We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight"

David Paxton

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 "The Day of Resurrection"

**O let the heavens be joyful! Let earth its song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen, our Joy that has no end.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 133)

Liturgist: Terry Holmes

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

All: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

Leader: For there the Lord ordained his blessing:

All: Life forevermore!

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #312 "Christ Is Alive" (verses 1, 2, & 5)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, we know that when it comes to the sins of others, our vision is 20/20. But when we look at our own sin, we are often nearly blind. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to remove the log in our own eye before we point out the speck in someone else's eye. Please hear us now as we continue our confession 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, 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

Aaron Roberts

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

ANTHEM "What a Savior" Larry Shackley

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 133

Page 543, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 John 1:1-2:2

Page 224, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Sin is Only for Other People!"

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 "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

John A. Behnke

*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

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.