

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 #505 "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #499 (verse 1) "He Leadeth Me"

He leadeth me, O blessed thought! O works with heavenly comfort fraught!

Whate'er I do, where-e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me; his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

*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 Johnson

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

May 4, 2014

11:00 am



Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion

Then they told what had happened on the road, and how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Luke 24:35

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: Elle Roberts

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Judy Simmons

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 #355 "This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

In faith we'll gather round that table to taste and share what love can do.

This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 116)

Liturgist: Sue Scheer

Leader: What shall we return to the Lord for all his bounty to us?

All: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Leader: We love the Lord, because he has heard our voice and our supplications.

All: Because he inclined his ear to us, we will call on him as long as we live!

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #302 "He Lives"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, when we focus only on the cares of this world, when we lose sight of your grace and goodness toward us, forgive us. Forgive our blindness and open our eyes to the glory of eternity with you. Help us to find joy in our salvation. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 5:1-2)

Leader: Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. Friends, give thanks again for the great good news of the kingdom of God:

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

John Dunn

ANTHEM "In Remembrance" Buryl Red

Arlene Lathrop, oboe; Greg Lathrop, baritone; Linda Roberts, piano
(Children will be dismissed to Children's Worship following the anthem.)

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Page 533, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Luke 24:13-35

Page 84, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Best Day"

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.

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.