

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 #712 "Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #148 "Come, Thou Almighty King" (verse 4)

**To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be hence, evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore!**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Andrea Emmel



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

*May 6, 2018
11:00 a.m.*



Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion

*So one of the men who have accompanied us
during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in
and out among us ... must become a witness
with us to his resurrection.*

Acts 1:21, 22b

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

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PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Linda 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 #131 "Surely the Presence of the Lord"

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 98)

Liturgist: Linda Roberts

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

All: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

Leader: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

All: Let even the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #87 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, our ears and our hearts are filled every day with the voices of the world. Forgive us when we allow voices other than yours full access to our lives, and for the times that we do not even seek you out. Forgive us also when we do hear your voice and choose to ignore you. Help us in our sinfulness, and strengthen us to discern you always. Please continue to hear us as we confess now 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.

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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

Stephanie Dunn

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

ANTHEM "Sanctus" Roger Emerson

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING 1 John 5:11-13

Page 227, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Page 110, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Discernment"

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

Andrea Emmel

*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.