

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.

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 #440 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #102 "His Name Is Wonderful"

His name is Wonderful, his name is Wonderful, his name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord;

He is the mighty King, Master of everything, his name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, Almighty God is he; bow down before him, love and adore him, his name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" ("Diadem"*)

James Ellor



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
Glory Cumbow, Youth Director
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus

Ward Gailey, Music Director
Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Nursery Attendants: Suzie Wharton & Breon Williams

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

May 7, 2017

11:00 am



Gifts of Women Sunday

Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion

So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

John 10:16b

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 "Sheep May Safely Graze"

Johann Sebastian Bach

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 #87 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

**Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 23)

Liturgist: Linda Roberts

Leader: You are our shepherd, O Lord, we shall not want.

All: You make us lie down in green pastures.

Leader: You lead us beside still waters, and you restore our souls.

All: Your goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we will dwell in your house forever.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #106 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, we know in our minds that you love us, lead us, and will care for us always. Forgive us when our hearts doubt your leading, when we become afraid and lose our trust in you. Forgive us when we worry and complain. Help us to remember that we are your children, and that your love for us is steadfast and unconditional. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Colossians 1:13-14)

Leader: God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Friends, give thanks again for God's amazing grace:

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

Tami Pass

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

ANTHEM "Amazing Grace"

Men's Chorus

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 23

Page 474, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING John 10:11-18

Page 97, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Good Shepherd Leads Us"

Elder Cassandra Morrow

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 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

C. S. Lang

*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