

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.

#### 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 #358 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (verses 1 & 3 only)

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #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!**

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY Toccata on "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

J. Wayne Kerr



**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  
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director  
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus

Ward Gailey, Music Director  
Linda Hodges, Office Manager  
Nursery Attendants: Megan Bennett and  
Stephanie Phillips

# Stockbridge Presbyterian

## Church

June 5, 2016  
11:00 am



## Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion

*When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and  
said to her, "Do not weep."  
Luke 7:13*

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during this hour of worship.  
Otherwise, Susan will turn into her evil twin and give you The Look.)*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY "Lord God, We All to Thee Give Praise"

Johann Pachelbel

Acolyte: Lorren Huggins

#### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Jim Beisner

**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 #56 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

**Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. My soul with comfort rich he fills, and every grief he gently stills: to God all praise and glory!**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 146)

Liturgist: Carolyn Francis

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**All: Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

Leader: We will praise the Lord as long as we live.

**All: We will sing praises to our God all our life long.**

**All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!**

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #14 "Now Thank We All Our God"

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive us when our hearts are hard. Forgive us when we avoid those who need help, when we blame the victim, when we allow selfishness to triumph. Help us to see others through your eyes of compassion and love. 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, rejoice again in 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 "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" Carl Mueller

Sanctuary Choir

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

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING Psalm 146

Page 549, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING Luke 7:11-17

Page 61, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "The Power of Compassion"

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 "Elegy"

Douglas E. Wagner

#### \*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.**