

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 #731 "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #708 "Go Forth for God"

**Go forth for God, go to the world in peace; be of good courage,
armed with heavenly grace, In God's good Spirit daily to increase, till in the kingdom we see face to face.
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Once to Every Man and Nation"

Thomas John Williams



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: Elizabeth Wagner & Suzie Wharton

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

July 2, 2017

11:00 am



*They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.*

Isaiah 11:9

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 Fanfare on "National Hymn"

Stanley E. Saxton

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 #654 "Holy Ground"

**We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now; We are standing in his presence on holy ground.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 13)

Liturgist: Linda Roberts

Leader: We trust in your steadfast love, O Lord!

All: We rejoice in your salvation.

Leader: We will sing to you, O Lord,

All: Because you have dealt bountifully with us.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #727 "America the Beautiful"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, we pray for peace on earth, but we cannot even find peace in our own lives. Forgive us when we are selfish, when we are unkind, when we stay angry and hold grudges. Help us to receive your love and forgiveness, and to treat others as you treat us. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Galatians 1:4)

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father. Friends, give thanks again for the great good news of the gospel:

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 "God and Country Medley" arr. Elmo Mercer

Sanctuary Choir

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING 2 Chronicles 7:12-16

Page 374, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Isaiah 2:1-4, 11:1-9

Page 594, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Praying for World Peace"

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 "Chorale on Psalm 23"

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.