

## 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 #461 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #14 "Now Thank We All Our God"

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,**

**Who wondrous things has done in whom his world rejoices;**

**Who, from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.**

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Trumpet Tune"

Gordon Young



**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

August 6, 2017

11:00 am



## Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion

*Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking."*

*But Jacob said, "I will not let you go,  
unless you bless me."*

*Genesis 32:26*

## 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 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"  
Elle Roberts and Dorothy Clark, pianists

arr. Sharon Wilson

#### 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 #40 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 17)

Liturgist: Jim Beisner

Leader: We call upon you, for you will answer us, O God;

**All: Incline your ear to us, and hear our words.**

Leader: You wondrously show your steadfast love.

**All: You are the savior of all who seek refuge.**

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

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #95 "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive us when we doubt your love. Forgive us when we allow our faith to weaken, when we neglect or ignore you, when we simply take you for granted and go our own way. Help us to want to know you in all your true glory, power, and grace. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 5:1-2a)

Leader: 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. Friends, rejoice again in the great good news of the kingdom of God:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.**

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

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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

Mary Carol Stanley

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

#### ANTHEM "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me"

Gregorian chant, arr. K. Lee Scott

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING Romans 9:1-5

Page 148, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING Genesis 32:22-31

Page 29, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "A God Who Will Wrestle with You Until Daybreak"

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 "Air" (Melody)

Gordon Young

#### \*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