

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.**

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 #489 "He Leadeth Me"

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #606 "As Your Family, Lord, Meet Us Here."

**Make us faithful, Lord, to your will, make us faithful, Lord, to your will,  
Make us faithful, Lord, to your will, O, Lord, to your will.**

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Song for a Feast Day"

Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.



**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

September 3, 2017  
11:00 am



*Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion*

*But Moses said to God,  
"Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh,  
and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"  
Exodus 3:11*

## 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 "Prelude in D"

Louis Nicolas Clerambault

#### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Gene Ingram

**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 #606 "As Your Family, Lord, Meet Us Here"

**As your family, Lord, meet us here, as your family, Lord, meet us here,  
As your family, Lord, meet us here, O Lord, meet us here.**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 107)

Liturgist: Gene Ingram

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**All: His steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands,

**All: From the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

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

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #21 "This is My Father's World"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, you have touched us with your love. You have saved us and kept us and given us every reason to rejoice and be grateful. Forgive us when we become selfish, and do not reach out to others with your light and love. Forgive us when we are complacent, expecting someone else to do the service you ask of us. And forgive us when we are afraid to say "yes" to you because we do not trust you, and do not believe you will provide what is needed. Give us the courage, love, and passion to hear your voice and obey always. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence...**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Philippians 1:6)

Leader: Scripture tells us that God, who began a good work among us will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. Friends, give thanks again for 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

Aaron Roberts

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

ANTHEM "Holy Ground" Geron Davis, ed. W. Gailey  
Peggy Smith, guest soloist

Sanctuary Choir

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26

Page 525, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Exodus 3:1-15

Page 48, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "And Lazarus Was Dead!"

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 "Jesus, Lead Thou On"

German hymn, arr. Paul Manz

#### \*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.**