

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.**

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 #603 "In Christ There Is No East or West" (verses 1-2 only)

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #748 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" (verse 1)

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;**

**let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace;**

**O direct us and protect us traveling through this wilderness.**

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Paul Manz

**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: Stephanie Phillips & Breon Williams

Stockbridge Presbyterian

Church

September 4, 2016

11:00 am



**Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion**

*For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?*

*Luke 14:28*

## 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

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

Arlene Lathrop

### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### OPENING VOLUNTARY "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

Paul Manz

Acolyte: Marie Anne LaFaye Coutin-Baxter

### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Cooper Keller

**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 #43 "Majesty"

**Majesty, worship his majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority flow from his throne unto his own, his anthem raise. So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus; magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King. Majesty, worship his majesty; Jesus, who died, now glorified, King of all kings.**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 147)

Liturgist: Cooper Keller

Leader: Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God;

**All: For he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.**

Leader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

**All: His understanding is beyond measure.**

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

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #96 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive us when we are apathetic or indifferent to your call to be your disciples. Forgive us when we are absorbed in ourselves, when we do not care about the needs of others. Help us to develop hearts filled with gratitude, and with the desire to share your love and goodness with others. 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 to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Friends, give thanks 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

Glory Cumbow, Youth Director

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

### ANTHEM "The Gift of Love" American Folk, arr. Hopson

Sanctuary Choir

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24

Page 545, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING Luke 14:25-33

Page 73, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON "Counting the Cost"

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 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Gene Clarke

### \*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