

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 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 #123 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #595 "They'll Know We Are Christians" (verse 2)

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.

And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Song of Rejoicing"

Robert J. Hughes

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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

October 1, 2017

11:00 am



Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion

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 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Beethoven, arr. Callahan

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Laura Richardson

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 #131 "Surely the Presence"

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 104)

Liturgist: Laura Richardson

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord our God, you are very great.

All: You stretch out the heavens like a tent; you make the clouds your chariot.

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all.

All: We will sing to you as long as we live; we will sing praise to you while we have being.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #40 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, scripture tells us that you have made your presence known in all the beauties of this world you have created. Forgive us when we are too busy to notice. Forgive us when we take you and your love for granted, when we are too self-absorbed to even thank you. Help us to see you everywhere, and to praise you in all we see. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 Timothy 1:15a)

Leader: The saying is true and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 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

Stephanie Dunn

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

ANTHEM "Ave Verum" W.A. Mozart

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 19:1-6

Page 472, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Romans 1:18-25

Page 142, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Seeing God In His Creation"

Elder Jim Beisner

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 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

English hymn, arr. Lani Smith

*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