

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH CHORAL RESPONSE

Sanctuary Choir

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 #458 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (To the tune of "Edelweiss")

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.

Lift up your eyes and see God's face and God's grace forever.

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever!

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

James McGranahan

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

October 2, 2016

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 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

arr. John A. Behnke

Acolyte: Monica Andrea Coutin-Baxter

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Aaron 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 #87 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

**Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 138)

Liturgist: Aaron Roberts

Leader: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

All: They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

Leader: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly.

All: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for us; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #356 "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we are often selfish and self-absorbed. We confess that we receive life and blessing from you and often forget to even thank you. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to receive with humility and gratitude, and to remember always those whom you have put into our lives for us to love. 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

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

Tami Pass

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

ANTHEM "Come Ye Blessed" J.P. Scott

Ward Gailey, tenor

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 80

Page 511, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Romans 12:14-18

Page 151, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "World Communion Sunday"

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 "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Johann Christoph Bach

*DOXOLOGY

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**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.**