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.

**MEDITATION** "Lamb of God" Healey Willan

## 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 #505 "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #9 "Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"

Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God acclaim, his greatness tell abroad and bless his saving name. Lift high your songs before his throne to whom alone all praise belongs.

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY Zachary Smith

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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 Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director Ward Gailey, Music Director Zachary Smith, Musician

Linda Hodges, Office Manager Tom Francis, Custodian Nursery Attendants: Stephanie Phillips and Megan Bennett

# Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

October 5, 2014 11:00 am



Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. Romans 13:8

# 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.

And also with you.

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** Acolyte: Elora Newsome

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Sherry McGee 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 20)

Liturgist: Jim Beisner

Leader: We know that the Lord will help his anointed. All: He will answer us from his holy heaven! Leader: Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses; All: But our pride is in the name of the Lord our God!

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #231 "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we focus on the world and its demands, and let our hearts grow cold toward you. Forgive us when we nurse our hurt until it turns into anger; forgive us when we nurse our anger until it turns into bitterness. Help us to open ourselves to your love and forgiveness, so that we may offer this same grace to 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 into the kingdom of his

beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Friends, rejoice again in the

great good news of the gospel:

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 Sue Scheer

ANTHEM "We Are Singing for the Lord Is Our God" Siyahamba Sanctuary Choir

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Exodus 20:1-4, 7-10a, 12-20

Page 63, Pew Bible

The Word of the Lord. Leader: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Romans 13:8-14 Page 152, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Saying 'Yes' to Love" 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 **Zachary 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

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.