

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.

GREAT 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 #405 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #355 (verse 4) "This Is a Day of New Beginnings"*

Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.

This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY*

Zachary Smith



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 our Christian faith and about our 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
Mary Thompson, Christian Ed Coordinator
Ward Gailey, Music Director
Zachary Smith, Accompanist

Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Tom Francis, Custodian
Nursery Attendants: Stephanie Phillips and Abigail Jenkins

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

October 6, 2013

11:00 am



Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion

God said, "The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt."

Exodus 12:13

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during this hour of worship.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Savannah Sewell

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Betsy Sierra

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 #56 (verse 1) "Sing Praise to God"

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. My soul with comfort rich he fills, and every grief he gently stills; to God all praise and glory!

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 138)

Liturgist: Aaron Roberts

Leader: We bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;

All: For you have exalted your name and your Word above everything.

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.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #11 "Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we are self-absorbed and selfish, thinking only of ourselves and our own needs and wants. Forgive us when we grow complacent, when we forget altogether to pray for others. Remind us that your world is bigger than our front porch, and remind us to pray for your people everywhere. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Ephesians 1:7-8)

Leader: In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. Friends, rejoice again in 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

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" —Anon.

Betsy Sierra

He's got the whole world, in His Hands (x4)

He's got ev'rybody here, in His Hands (x4)

He's got the tiny little baby, in His Hands (x4)

He's got the wind and the rain, in His Hands(x4)

ANTHEM

"Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises" —South African Folksong

Sanctuary Choir

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Exodus 12:1-13

Page 56, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Luke 22:14-23

Page 81, 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.

OFFERTORY "Brethren, We Have Met/'Tis a Gift/The Water is Wide" Arr. .C. Miller

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;**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE