

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Collin Roberts

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Carol Abbott

Please use this time for silent meditation and preparation for worship. Prayer cards are in the pew rack in front of you. Please place in the offering plate for inclusion in the morning prayers and addition to our church's prayer list.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**Those who are able, please stand.*

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 22)

Liturgist: Carolyn Francis

Leader: O God, you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

All: In you our ancestors trusted;

Leader: They trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried, and were saved;

All: In you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN #414 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we hold our sin in our hearts. Forgive us when we are slow to confess, fearing your disapproval, clinging to our shame. Help us to see you as you really are: a God of mercy and kindness, who gave your Son so that we are welcome in your throne room. Remind us that you know us completely and love us anyway. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Galatians 3:26)

Leader: Scripture tells us that in Christ Jesus we are all children of God through faith. Friends, rejoice again in God's amazing grace:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

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

*HYMN OF CONSECRATION # 478 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Betsy Sierra

ANTHEM "Come Down, O Love Divine"

Sanctuary Choir

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Mark 10:17-31

Page 43, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Hebrews 4:12-16

Page 206, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Radical Compassion"

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

*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 AND 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.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN #97 "Meekness and Majesty"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Sent forth by God's blessing our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe.

The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all.

God's peace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Cary Castellaw



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
Cary Castellaw, Interim Music Director

Levena Hemmle, Office Manager
Tom Francis, Custodian
Nursery Attendants: Stephanie Phillips, Megan Bennett, and Abigail Jenkins

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

October 14, 2012

11:00 a.m.



*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
Hebrews 4:15-16*