

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: Alex Seal

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Judy Simmons

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 34)

Liturgist: Laura Wigington

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

All: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

Leader: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

All: The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN #82 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we are hard-hearted and quick to judge. We confess our selfishness and pride. Forgive us, Lord. Soften our hearts with your love, and help us to have mercy on others as you have mercy on us. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 8:31b-32)

Leader: If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Friends, give thanks again for God's great mercy:

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 # 665 "Break Now the Bread of Life"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Wendy Wells

ANTHEM "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" by Virgil Thomson

Sanctuary Choir

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Hebrews 7:23-28

Page 208, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Mark 10:46-52

Page 44, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Take Heart; Get Up, He Is Calling You!"

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 #569 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

*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 28, 2012
11:00 a.m.



*Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here."
And they called the blind man, saying to him, Take heart; get up, he is
calling you."
Mark 10:49*