

## 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 #593 "Lord, Speak to Me"*

*\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

*\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"*

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.  
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.*

*\*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

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

# Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

April 7, 2013  
11:00 am



## Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion

*"God exalted Jesus at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."*

*Acts 5:31-32*

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

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

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Allie Dunn

### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Allison Johnson

*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.*

#### \*OPENING INTROIT #492 "Spirit of the Living God"

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

*Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 118)

Liturgist: Jim Beisner

Leader: Open to us the gates of righteousness, that we may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

All: **This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

Leader: We thank you that you have answered us and have become our salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

All: **This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

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, forgive us when we give in to fear or pride. Forgive us when your Spirit opens the door for us to speak or act, and we close it firmly and ignore the Spirit's urging. Help us to remember that we are your beloved children, and that you fill us with your love so that we may share it with others, and help your family grow. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...*

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 5:1-2)

Leader: We are justified by faith, and we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand. Friends, give thanks again for God's amazing grace:

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

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

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*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 "Witness" Spiritual, arr. Donald Moore

Sanctuary Choir

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

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING Revelation 1:4-8

Page 203, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING Acts 5:27-32

Page 115, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON "Can I Get A Witness?" Part 1

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

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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;*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### 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