

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

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 # 706 "I Come With Joy"*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Go With Us Lord"*

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,

That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY*

David E. Dillard



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
David E. Dillard, Music Director
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director
Mary Thompson, Christian Ed Coordinator

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Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

May 6, 2012

11:00 am



CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

***My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit
and become my disciples.***

John 15:8

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Elle 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 for submission to church prayer list.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**Those who are able, please stand.*

*OPENING INTROIT “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 m, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 22)

Liturgist: Aaron Roberts

Leader: Because of the Lord, the poor shall eat and be satisfied; we who seek him shall praise him.

All: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

Leader: Future generations will be told about the Lord.

All: His deliverance shall be proclaimed to a people yet unborn, saying that the Lord has done it!

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 40 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive our efforts to separate ourselves from you. Forgive us when we rebel and insist on our own way. Remind us that without you, we are nothing; without your Spirit, our efforts turn to dust. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 8:1-2)

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. My friends, give thanks again for God's great mercy and grace:

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

*HYMN OF CONSECRATION # 480 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

CHILDREN'S SERMON

David E. Dillard

(Children are invited downstairs for Children's Worship at the conclusion of the anthem.)

ANTHEM “Rejoice!”

Arlene Lathrop, Oboe

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Acts 8:26-40

Page 119, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING John 15:1-8

Page 103, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Joining Forces”

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

*DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost;
O praise Him, O praise Him; Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***