

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)*

Carly Keller

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 "Waiting Outside the Lines"

Carly & Cydnee Keller

**DOXOLOGY*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost;*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Susan Bennett

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

**HYMN OF SENDING # 473* "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

Rev. Susan Bennett

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE* "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"

Don Dunlap

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms,
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms!
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms!*

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY*

Sarah Mott, Viola



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, Director of Music Ministries
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director
Mary Thompson, Christian Ed Coordinator

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

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

May 20, 2012

11:00 a.m.



YOUTH SUNDAY

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God,
and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.
Anyone who does not love does not know God,
because God is love.*

1John 4:7-8

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.

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

The Youth

OPENING VOLUNTARY Sarah Mott and Don Dunlap

Acolyte: Grace Robertson

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 "Sanctuary"

Don Dunlap

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Savannah Sewell

Leader: In the storms of life,

People: God is our shelter.

Leader: In the whirlwind of activity,

People: God is our secure center.

Leader: In the flood of temptation,

People: God is a rock of stillness on which to stand.

Leader: In the avalanche of tears and fears,

People: God is our strong fortress.

Leader: In all the days of our lives,

People: Let us praise the Lord our God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 118 "Lord of the Dance"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Allie Dunn

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

O God, we are ashamed, we are downcast when our hearts should be filled with gladness, and our mouths shouting for joy! We are sorry that much of the time we walk around, glum and discouraged, put upon by the demands thrust upon us, or responsibilities carelessly accepted and even more carelessly fulfilled. We should be smiling! We should be

joyful! We should be laughing, or crying with gladness! How sad it is to be downcast or discouraged or careless, when you have answered our problems with the good news of eternal life. You have defied death, and set us free in the joy of resurrection! Lift us up, O Lord! Hear us now as we confess all the pain, guilt, and wrong doings that are in our hearts, and help us to know your love and forgiving power.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Alex Seal

Leader: Our sin can tie us in knots, but Jesus came to proclaim release to the captives!
We are freed from the bonds of sin, by the grace of God. Friends, believe the good news!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen!

*GLORIA PATRI

Don Dunlap

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.

PROCLAMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC IN HONOR OF GRADUATES

"Anyway"

Allie Dunn, Carly Keller, and Savannah Sewell

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Allie Dunn Patrick Henry High School

Sarah Mott Union Grove High School

Isiah Phillips Woodland High School

Justin Seal Union Grove High School

Shelley Donaldson Mastor of Divinity, McCormick Theological Seminary

Susanna Sierra BS in Sociology, University of West Georgia

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

McKenzie Scott, Alex Seal and Maegan Seal

(Children are invited to remain in the sanctuary for the Youth Program.)

ANTHEM "Broken" (by Lindsey Haun)

Savannah Sewell

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

McKenzie Scott

FIRST READING Colossians 3:12-17 Page 190, Pew Bible

Cydnee Keller

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 John 4:7-13 Page 226, Pew Bible

Maegan Seal

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SKIT Allie Dunn, Carly & Cydnee Keller, Savannah Sewell

Don Dunlap