

## 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 #458 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"*

*\*CHARGE AND BLESSING*

*\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Leaning on The Everlasting Arms"*

***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*



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 and Megan Bennett,

# Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

September 2, 2012

11:00 am

## CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.*

*James 1:17*

## 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: Collin Roberts

### 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 "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 45)

Liturgist: Jim Beisner

Leader: Our hearts overflow with a goodly theme; we address our verses to the King!

**All: Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever.**

Leader: Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity;

**All: You love righteousness and hate wickedness.**

**All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!**

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE # 84 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, too often, we become complacent. There is so much need, so much work to do, that we grow weary and turn away. We come to church, we do all the right things, but our hearts are often cold and indifferent. Forgive us, Lord. Help us never to lose your vision, your care for the poor, for the needy, for the unloved. Remind us always that we are not only to hear your Word, but also to be obedient and obey your commands. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 3:23-25)

Leader: Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. Friends, give thanks again for the mercy and grace of God:

**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

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sue Scheer

### ANTHEM "Is Not This Bread?"

Sanctuary Choir

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

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Page 39, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING James 1:17-27

Page 215, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON "More Than a Feeling"

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

### 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