

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.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 #603 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #463 "Revive Us Again"

**We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love, for Jesus who died and is now gone above.**

**Hallelujah! Thine the glory; Hallelujah, Amen! Hallelujah! Thine the glory; revive us again.**

\*POSTLUDE "Go Forth in His Name"

Graham Kendrick



**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 the Christian faith and about the 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  
Dorothy Clark, Organist  
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus

Ward Gailey, Music Director  
Linda Hodges, Office Manager  
Nursery Attendants: Suzie Wharton & Allie Dunn

# Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

October 7, 2018

11:00 am



## Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during this hour of worship.  
Otherwise, Susan will turn into her evil twin and give you The Look.)*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

Paul Kretzschmar

### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Stephanie Phillips Ayoola

**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.

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #11 "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" (verse 1)

**Stand up and bless the Lord, you people of his choice;**

**Stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 133)

Liturgist: Stephanie Phillips Ayoola

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**All: It is like precious oil on the head.**

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**All: For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.**

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

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #699 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive our ingrained selfishness, our preoccupation with our own lives and problems. Forgive us when we focus on ourselves, choosing to forget those around us who have problems, too. Open our eyes to the needs of others, and fill our hearts with your compassion. 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 us free from the law of sin and of death. Friends, rejoice again in 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

Janna Szeto

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

#### ANTHEM "I Am the Bread of Life" Toolan

Sanctuary Choir

Greg Lathrop and Terry Holmes, soloists

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING Psalm 133

Page 543, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING Ephesians 4:1-6

Page 182, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "Communion"

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

#### OFFERTORY "Thy Table I Approach"

Jan Bender

#### \*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. Amen.**