

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.**

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.**

SERVING OF BREAD AND CUP

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

**BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*HYMN OF SENDING #706 "I Come With Joy" (verses 2-5)

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #576 "Make Me a Servant"

**Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord, let me lift up those who are weak;**

**and may the prayer of my heart always be:**

**make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.**

\*POSTLUDE "Triumphant Finale"

Thomas Bliss



**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. Betsy Turner, Interim Pastor  
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus  
Gena Ridgeway, Organist/Pianist

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

# *Stockbridge Presbyterian Church*

*August 4, 2019*

*11:00 a.m.*

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Celebrating the Sacrament of Communion*



*"I led them with cords of human kindness,  
with bands of love. I was to them like those  
who lift infants to their cheeks.  
I bent down to them and fed them."*

*Hosea 11:4*

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "Faith of Our Fathers"

Traditional Sacred

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Greg Lathrop

**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 #706 "I Come With Joy" (verse 1)

**I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Hosea 11)

Liturgist: Greg Lathrop

One: We are children of God, learning to walk.

**All: Day by day, we are learning to be the church.**

One: God is a loving parent, teaching us to walk faithfully.

**All: God loves us, leads us, and feeds us.**

One: Thanks be!

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #606 "As Your Family, Lord, Meet Us Here"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Nurturing God, you continue to lead us in upright ways on account of your tender love for us. Yet we do not always follow your call. We turn away from you and go our own way. We persist in seeking after that which robs us of abundant life. We desire the very things that harm us. We hold fast to our anxieties and give in to our greed. We are indifferent to those whom you call us to love. Hear us now as we confess in silence the particular ways we need your grace...**

~silence~

**God, forgive us, purify us, and sustain us by the strength of your Holy Spirit. Return us to our rightful home in you. Through Jesus Christ, our compassionate Savior, we pray. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear these words from our God: I cannot give up on you. My compassion grows warm and tender. When my children come trembling, I will bring them home.

**All: We believe the gospel – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. And we rejoice – thanks be to God!**

\*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

John Dunn

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

ANTHEM "Treasures in Heaven" Clokey

Ward Gailey

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 107:1-9

Page 528, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Hosea 11:1-9

Page 794, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Babies in the Hands of a Loving God"

Rev. Betsy Turner

## 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.**

INVITATION TO THE MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "God, We Praise Thy Name"

Old Austrian Hymn

\*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.**