

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 #715 "Now Let Us from This Table Rise"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #706 "I Come With Joy" (verse 5)

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,

we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

*POSTLUDE "Christ is Made The Sure Foundation"

Humphrey Turner



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

September 1, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrating the Sacrament of Communion



"There is still room!"

Luke 14:22

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 "Have Thine Own Way"

James Southbridge

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Aaron Roberts

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 #695 "As We Gather at Your Table" (verse 1)

**As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.**

**Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 81)

Liturgist: Jo Linda Ingram

One: Sing aloud to God our strength.

All: **Shout for joy to the Lord of life.**

One: Blessed be the one holy and living God.

All: **Glory to God forever! Let us worship God!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #87 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, you call us to mutual love. And you tell us that to embrace and embody that mutual love in your world, we will have to let go of our need for honor and our desire for privilege. We just don't want to. We like sitting in best seats, being comfortable, and for people to think well of us. Forgive us, for we exalt ourselves and in so doing, we mock the humble. Forgive us, for we choose to believe we are self-sufficient rather than to trust in your strength. Forgive us for our thoughts, words, and deeds that do not embody the mutual love to which we are called. Hear us now as we confess in silence the particular ways we need your grace...

~silence~

O God, open us to your Spirit that we might serve all people without regard to the outcome, devoting ourselves to your honor alone. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who humbled himself on the cross. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear this good news: God rejoices when we repent and return, offering us the finest wheat and honey from the rock – all that we need to sustain us in new life. Rejoice! You have been reconciled to God and one another.

All: **We are forgiven! 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

Stephanie Ayoola

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

ANTHEM "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Children's Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 81

Page 512, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Luke 14:7-24

Page 72, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "At the Banquet Table"

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 "Blessed Assurance"

Traditional Sacred

*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.**