

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

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #704 "We Meet As Friends At Table" (verses 3 & 4)

We share our lives and longings, and when the meal is done we pray as friends at table, and promise to be one.

To Christ, and to each other, we cheerfully belong: apart, our hope is fruitless; together, we are strong.

Fulfilled, and glad to follow wherever Christ may lead, we journey from the table to love a world in need

With patience, truth and kindness, that justice may increase and all may sit at table in freedom, joy, and peace.

*POSTLUDE



Thank you to Linda Roberts for providing our music this morning.

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, Accompanist

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

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

October 6, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Twenty-Seven Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrating the Sacrament of Communion



*"People will come from east and west, from north
and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God.*

Luke 13:29

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

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 #704 "We Meet As Friends At Table" (verse 1 & 2)

We meet as friends at table, to listen and be heard, united by the Spirit, attentive to the Word.

**Through prayer and conversation we tune our varied views
to Christ, whose love has made us the bearers of good news.**

**With food and drink for sharing the table soon is spread. The freedom meal of Jesus is crowned with wine and bread,
And all, without exception, may eat, and speak, and stay, for this is Christ's own table where none are turned away.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Stephanie Phillips Ayoola

One: As we come to worship the living God, we gather with our sisters and brothers

All: **from above and below the equator, and from every time zone around the globe.**

One: Rejoice! The Spirit invites all of God's family to the celebration!

All: **Praise God! Christ calls us all to share his holy feast together!**

One: Across land and sea, all are invited and all are welcome.

All: **Let us worship God!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #24 "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Great God of peace, we confess the ways we have sought division rather than reconciliation. We are too fond of our doors and fences and all manner of things that keep family from family, neighbor from neighbor, human from human. We have sinned and we are sorry. Teach us to live as peacemakers, as bridge builders, as members of your beloved community, gathered together in the love of Jesus Christ. Hear us now as we confess in silence the particular ways we need your grace...

~silence~

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us. Heal us, O Lord, lest we destroy ourselves and the planet. We need your healing presence among us, so that your good intentions for all of creation might be fulfilled at last. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows. Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows. And even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows.

All: **We have been called and claimed by the God of all things. By the abundance of God's grace and the power of God's love, our sins have been forgiven. Thanks be to God for the gift of grace!**

*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

Diana Taylor

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

ANTHEM "Days of Elijah" Robin Mark

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Isaiah 25:6-9

Page 613, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Page 162, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "A Crowded Table"

Rev. Betsy Turner

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Maasai Creed*

We believe in the one High God, who out of love created the beautiful world and everything good in it. He created man and wanted man to be happy in the world. God loves the world and every nation and tribe in the world. We have known this God in the darkness, and now we know God in the light. God promised in the book of his word, the Bible, that he would save the world and all nations and tribes.

We believe that God made good his promise by sending his son, Jesus Christ, a man by the flesh, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and man, showing that the meaning of religion is love. He was rejected by his people, tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross, and died. He lay buried in the grave, but the hyenas did not touch him, and on the third day, he rose from the grave. He ascended to the skies. He is Lord.

We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him. All who have faith in him must be sorry for their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love, and share the bread together in love, to announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for him. He is alive. He lives. This we believe. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE MINISTRY OF GIVING

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. Amen.**