

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 #570 "As Saints of Old Their First-fruits Brought"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #566 "Your Servant Comes This Hour" (verse 4)

**Your servant leaves this place with confidence secure,
and by the Holy Spirit bears the fruit which shall endure.**

*POSTLUDE "Triumphant Finale"

Thomas Bliss



Welcome, guests! Thank you for joining us in worship today. We invite everyone to sign the Friendship Pad, and our first-time visitors to also fill out the blue card found in the pew. If you have any questions or wish to become a member of our congregation, don't hesitate to ask a neighbor on the pew or the pastor. We are honored by your presence here today, and hope to welcome you back next week!

Rev. Betsy Turner, Interim Pastor
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus
Linda Hodges, Office Manager

Ward Gailey, Music Director
Gena Ridgeway, Accompanist
Nursery Attendants: Suzie Wharton and Allie Dunn

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

February 2, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrating the Sacrament of Communion



*"God has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice,
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly
with your God?"*

-Micah 6:8

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 "As With Gladness"

Conrad Kocher

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Jeffrey Cochran

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 #566 "Your Servant Comes This Hour" (verse 1)

**Your servant comes this hour in true humility,
Believing in your call, O God, and answering, "Lord, send me"**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 15)

Liturgist: Jeffrey Cochran

One: Who may abide in God's tent?

All: **Those who do what is right and speak truth.**

One: Who may dwell on the Lord's holy hill?

All: **Those who do no evil to their friends and their neighbors.**

One: In obedience and faith, let us worship God together!

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God on high, we come now to confess the sin of our soul and to plead our case before you. We set out to please you, but we have wearied you with our disobedience. You have told us what is right, and we have pursued what is wrong. You have told us what is good for us, yet we have pursued what is bad for us, our neighbors, and our world. You have told us what you require of us, yet we have not practiced justice, lived by mercy, nor walked humbly with you. Hear us now as we confess in silence the particular ways we need your grace...

~silence~

Lord, forgive us and set us free, not according to what we deserve, but according to your abundant grace. Set us on the right path, and help us to walk humbly with you, ever toward justice and mercy, all in the name of our redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Remember the saving acts of God who rescues and redeems us again and again. Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

All: **God has always loved us! God forgives us! 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

Bob Johnson

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

SOLO "Who You Say I Am" Morgan/Fielding

Marie Anne Coutin-Baxter

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me? I was lost but he brought me in - oh, his love for me!

Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes, I am.

Free at last, he has ransomed me; his grace runs deep.

While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes, he died for me.

In my Father's house, there's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes, I am.

I am chosen, not forsaken; I am who You say I am. You are for me, not against me; I am who You say I am.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Micah 6:1-8

Page 816, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Matthew 5:1-12

Page 4, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Blessings and Requirements"

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 "A Quiet Place"

John M. Rasley

*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.**