

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 #483 "Take Time to Be Holy"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #501 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (verse 1)

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;

I am weak, but thou art mighty—hold me with thy powerful hand:

Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

*POSTLUDE "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Tune Diademata, George Elvey; arr. Mark Hayes

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

March 1, 2020

11:00 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

Celebrating the Sacrament of Communion



"Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God... let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Hebrews 4:14-16

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 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Janet Linker

Hamburg Plainsong Melody

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Gene Ingram

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 #477 "Come and Find the Quiet Center" (verse 1)

**Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead, find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed: making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Gene Ingram

One: Our journey begins in the wilderness.

All: **God leads us through the wilderness.**

One: We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

All: **Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us. God's word is on our lips.**

One: Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.

All: **Our call is to bring our best to God. Let us worship God!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #507 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord God, we find ourselves once again in the wilderness of sin, lost in our brokenness, and hungry for the grace you have to offer. Meet us here and receive our confession. You allow us to choose between good and evil, and we do not always choose well. Blinded by our own desires, we ignore the needs of others. Enthralled with power, we trample the powerless and refuse to do justice. Enamored of the world's splendor, we ignore your glory and your calling. We have caused harm, to ourselves and to others, through our words, thoughts and deeds, by our action and inaction. Hear us now as we confess in silence the particular ways we need your grace...

~silence~

God of the wilderness, have mercy on us, we pray. Feed us with the bread of life, bear us up in your loving hands, and re-create us in your good image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven! Be glad in the Lord and hold fast to this confession:

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed – thanks be to God! Amen.**

*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 Dunn

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

ANTHEM "I Will Arise" arr. Shaw/Parker

Sanctuary Choir

I will arise and go to Jesus. He will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, oh, there are ten thousand charms.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Hebrews 4:12-16

Page 206, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Matthew 4:1-11

Page 3, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Jesus talks to a tempter"

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.

MINISTRY OF GIVING

SHARING THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE

Ashes-to-Go

OFFERTORY "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan

*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.**