

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
May 13th, 2018 7th Sunday of Easter
Celebrate the Gifts of Women/ Mother's Day
"Women Called To Lead with Love"

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather to worship God, for God is good.

P: God's steadfast love endures forever.

L: We gather to worship God, for God has called us, God's own people, and has given us gifts to be a faithful people.

P: We remember that God's steadfast love endures forever.

L: Let us now offer worthy worship to God,

P: whose steadfast love endures forever.

***HYMN "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" #284**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

L: God has given us the ability to lead with love. God has promised to forgive us when we fail to do this. God extends loving and healing mercy to us always, even before we ask for it. Knowing and trusting this steadfast love that is ours in Jesus Christ, let us now confess our sins and offenses before God and each other.

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: Loving and merciful God, you have searched us and known us and still you love us. We confess that we take this love and mercy for granted; we are careless with our gifts and resources, and we refuse to focus on you and your will for all creation. You call us to lead with love but we are reluctant leaders or we lead with only rules and efficiency in mind. Grant us, O God, caring hearts, attentive minds and renewed commitment to follow you and to help lead others to you. In the saving grace of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: The psalmist reminds us that God wants to gather us in like a mother hen gathers her brood under her wings.

P: Under the wings of God's love, we can let go of sin and guilt. We can abide in the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.

L: Friends, Believe the Good News.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

***GLORIA PATRI**

#623

CHURCH NEWS

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

(Please greet your neighbor by saying, "The Peace of Christ be With You.")

REDEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Offertory

***Doxology**

#625

***Prayer of Dedication**

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING FOR LOVING LEADERS

L: Loving God, we thank you for mothers and fathers who lovingly raised and are raising their children and teaching them to be kind and thoughtful people. We thank you for the times they teach children how to work through difficult times, remembering they are always loved.

P: We thank you for teachers and pastors who challenged us to explore meaningful ways to be servant leaders serving with compassion and a sense of justice, with openness to all your people.

L: We thank you for strangers who do not look like us or sound like us, but serve as examples and role models as they lead and interact with others in tender, loving and caring ways.

P: We thank you for children and youth who are curious and searching and invite us to join them on their journeys. We are grateful that they remind us of the importance of play and not taking ourselves too seriously.

L: God, we also pray this day for those who do not lead with love. We pray for those who lead with a hardness of heart that shows disregard and disrespect for the human family and their welfare.

P: Give all leaders hearts of love and the desire to do better and be better. Grant them forgiveness and a commitment to be among those who lead with love, purpose and compassion. Be with all your people, loving God, this day and in the days to come. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

***HYMN "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"**

#460

READING: 1 Corinthians 13 *(read responsively – bulletin insert)*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Karen Soliday

MEDITATION

Pastor Denise Todero

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**In a broken and fearful world the spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as
Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to
hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
And to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Hear our prayers, O Lord. **P: And let our cry come unto Thee.**

L: Let us bless the Lord! **P: Thanks be to God.**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN**

"O, How I Love Jesus"

#529

***CHARGE and BLESSING**

L: As you go from this place, "lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

And as you go, remember that it is in the goodness of God that we are born.

P: It is in the providence of God that we are kept and cared for all the day long. And, it is in the love of God, fully revealed in Jesus Christ, that we are loved and redeemed.

L: In the name of the Creator God, the Savior God, and the Spirit God.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "May The Lord"**

****Those who are able please stand.***

Service resources from PCUSA

ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADER: Karen Soliday

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

L: If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

P: And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

L: If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

P: Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

L: It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.

P: It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

L: But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

P: For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.

L: When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.

P: For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

L: And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Offering: 05/06
Attendance: 27

Local	638.75
Benev.	44.20
Improv.	<u>37.45</u>
Total	720.00

Sunday May 13th
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
**Celebrate the Gifts of
Women**

Sunday May 20th
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Pentecost Sunday

The Bulletins and Flowers Today are sponsored by
Don & Marlene Bennett.

Morning Worship start time changes to 10 a.m.
starting May 27th. This change will remain the same
for the summer months.

The West End Food Pantry continues to be in need of
non-perishable food items. If you would like to help
stock their shelves, you can place items in the baskets
by the Blaine St. Entrance.

Pentecost Sunday will be held next Sunday during
Morning Worship. We will be collecting non-
perishable red foods (canned beets, Campbells Soup,
red beans, etc.) to benefit the West End Food Pantry.
We also encourage everyone to wear red and to attend
the luncheon after the service.



Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Don Bennett	Justin Korenoski
Michael Robert Rose III	Kathy & Robert Wilks
Darlene Rager	Larry & Bev Holbay
Phyllis Pfuhl	George Hockenberry
Harry & Lillian Thiel	Lilyana Newfield
Lois Henry	Sharon Weaver
Katherine Minahan	Elizabeth Kern
Jack Forsha	John & Cindy Griffin
Olivia & Patrick Bragdon	Rose Marie Oravetz
Dick Dunkle	Charles Molnar
Lenore Runkle	Rachael Wilks
Andy Serafin	Logan Weaver
Bill Shroyer	Jane Barefoot Volscko
John Morgan	A Friend
Joshua Holbay	Gary Bellack
Nancy Dimitt	Cathy Zakucia
Joyce Horn	Sally McGrath
Ken Bilger	Shirley Koop
Bill & Patty Gramling	Irene Barefoot Bischof
Buzz Lehman	Carol Bennett Ulery
Marie Kotar	Beth Runkle
Bill Kegg	All Shut- Ins
Wayne Dunkle	All in Nursing Homes
Melinda Mendoza	All First Responders
Damian Lakatos	All Service Men & Women

To Place Announcements Or Concerns List Names in the bulletin contact Ed Sheets at 539-3495 or email at esheets91@hotmail.com or contact Pastor Denise at 479-2382 or email her at datodero@atlanticbb.net.

Please do not leave them on the church answering machine.

In Case of Emergency, please call Pastor Denise at 479-2382 or cell 248-8174. Do not depend on the hospital contacting the church or the pastor.

Pentecost Geraniums

Orders are now being taken for Pentecost Geraniums. The cost is \$5 each and orders are due by Sunday May 13th. Orders can be placed in the offering plate, given to Ray Sheets, or mailed back to the church.

NAME:

of Geraniums _____ x \$5 Each = \$_____

In Memory Of:

In Honor Of:

Given By: