



**Bethany Presbyterian Church,
Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP
May 30th, 2021 Trinity Sunday**

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: God, who flung the stars into the night sky, rejoices over all creation, especially us!

P: Come to us, Laughing God, and gladden our hearts with your goodness and grace.

L: Christ, the Word of joy and life, fills all creation with hope, especially us!

P: Come to us, Brother and Savior, and reclaim our hearts as your own.

L: The Spirit, who breathes life into emptiness, gives all creation the gift of peace, especially us!

P: Come to us, Spirit of Gentleness, and refresh us with the dew of delight.

***HYMN "In Christ There Is No East or West"**

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

3. Join hands, companions in the faith, whate'er your race may be!
Who loves and serves the one in him, throughout the whole wide earth.

4. In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north,
all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

Called to be God's people, we know how often we act as spoiled and petulant children. Yet, like a mother, God looks past our mistakes to see our hearts. Like a father, God lifts us to our feet to put us back on the path to life. Let us bring our prayers to the One who listens, and then forgives us with unceasing grace.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

In the mystery of creation, Imaginative God, you shaped beauty and goodness, yet we damage it by our selfishness and anger. In the mystery of life, Child of Hope, you became one of us, yet all too often we turn our back on you. In the mystery of peace, Breath of Life, you would gentle our natures, yet we cling tenaciously to our bitterness and hurt.

In the mystery of grace, Holy God, you forgive us our sins, that we might embrace others. In the mystery of mercy, you touch our lips that we might speak gently to others. In the mystery of hope, you claim us as family, sisters and brothers of the One who brought new life for all, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Here, in this moment and in this place, the Spirit of gentleness moves in our midst. Mercy, hope and joy are the gifts of God to each and every one of us.

P: No longer lost, we have found our way home, surrounded by God's peace, by God's grace, by God's love.

L: Friends, Believe the Good News

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

GLORIA PATRI

CHURCH NEWS

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please greet your neighbor with a virtual hug or handshake or wave saying "The peace of Christ be with you".)

REDEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

New Testament Lesson Romans 8:12-17

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Gospel Lesson

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus

said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Message Denise Ann Todero, CP

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed

HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God"

1. Now thank we all our God, With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom his earth rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

2. Oh, may our bounteous God, Through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts, And blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us in his love, And guide us day and night,
And free us from all ills, Protect us by his might.

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

BENEDICTION/SENDING**

L: Let us go now, crying 'Glory!' to our God.

P: We will go to rebuild the world with justice and hope.

L: Let us go now, to bring others into Jesus' presence.

P: We will go to bring them to the Gateway to grace.

L: Let us go now, to play the music of the Spirit to those around us.

P: We will go to invite others to join in the dance of the Beloved Community.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

God be with you till we meet again;
By His coun-sels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

"God Be With You"

God be with you till we meet again;
'Neath His wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.

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ORGANIST: Elaine Bilger

COMMISSIONED PASTOR: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADER: Brenda Molnar

Offering: 5/23
Attendance: 16
Local 833.40
Benev. 57.70
Improv. 48.90
Total 940.00

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

Sunday June 6th
Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

Session will meet next Sunday after Worship. If you have any agenda items, please give them to Pastor Denise or Linda Orlidge.

Donations for the West End Food Pantry can be placed in the bins by the Blaine St. entrance. All non-perishable food items are appreciated, especially during the summer months.



Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Pastor Denise	Mark Todero
Don & Marlene Bennett	Elizabeth Kern
Phyllis Pfuhl	Ruby Porch
Harry Thiel	Christine Paratore
Lois Henry	David Hayduk
Ray & Dawna Sheets	Donnie Benito
Al Hockenberry	All Shut- Ins
Waylon Rummell	All in Nursing Homes
Bob & Marie Whorl	All First Responders
Bev Holbay	All Service Men & Women
John Griffin	All Healthcare Professionals

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Please do not leave them on the church answering machine.

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