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Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA

Morning Worship May 1st, 2016

6th Sunday of Easter

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: God calls us to this place, a haven for healing and hope.

P: We come, with the pain of our burdens; we come to hear God's Word for us.

L: Together, we will sing songs of joy; each of us will hear God whisper our name: 'Beloved of my heart.'

P: We join our voices in prayer and praise; we sing of our longing for new lives.

L: Here, our shadowed corners are filled with Light; here we discover that God dwells with us.

P: And not just us, for God would teach all to love; God's Spirit would lead all peoples in peace.

***HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #1**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION*

L: How easy we can learn of God's love - how hard it is to live it! The world distracts us with its easy choices, while we know how intentional we must be to love one another. Join me as we confess our failures to love and we open our hearts to God, saying,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

Because you dwell in our hearts, Eternal God, you know how the anger, the pain, the bitterness of our lives try to crowd you out. The noise of the world deafens us to that Word which can heal us. We want our children to be good, kind, and gentle to others, and then they hear us call others names, and speak of them with demeaning words. Our desire for revenge towards those who have hurt us shows that your peace, indeed, is not within us.

You promise a new heaven and a new earth, so create new spirits and lives within us, O God. Shattered by our sin, your heart can still heal our brokenness. Your Spirit, living deep

within our souls, can teach us faithful ways. Your Word, Jesus Christ our Lord, whispers to us of your mercy, your hope, your love.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L:....Friends, Believe the Good News

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

***GLORIA PATRI**

#623

CHURCH NEWS

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

REDEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Offertory

***Doxology**

#625

***Prayer of Dedication**

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

First Lesson Acts 16: 9-15 p.963

Second Lesson Revelation 21:10, 21:22-22:5 p.1086

Gospel Lesson John 14:23-29 p.939

Message Denise Ann Todero, CRE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLE’S CREED

***HYMN**

“Trust and Obey”

#349

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**

“In My Heart There Rings a Melody”

#514

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response "Let There be Peace"**

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

***** © Rev. Thom Shuman***

Organists: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

Commissioned Ruling Elder: Denise Ann Todero

Worship Leader: Tina Varner

***We are not at peace with others
because we are not at peace with ourselves,
and we are not at peace with ourselves
because we are not at peace with God.***

Thomas Merton

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***Peace-making is a noble vocation.
But you can no more make peace in your own strength
than a mason can build a wall without a trowel,
a carpenter build a house without a hammer
or an artist paint a picture without a brush.
You must have the proper equipment.
To be a peacemaker, you must know the peace of heaven.
You must know Him who "is our peace."***

Billy Graham

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Offering: 4/24
Attendance: 39
Local 883.05
Benev. 61.15
Improv. 51.80
Roof 125.00
Total 1121.00

Dinner 524.00
Raffle 645.00

Sunday May 1st
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Session Meeting Afterwards

Sunday May 8th
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

The Flowers Today are given in memory of Betty Jean Smith by Beverly Smith-Holbay.

Session will meet today following worship.

Orders for Pentecost Geraniums are due by May 8th. Please use the form in your bulletin to place your order. Orders can be put in the offering plate, given to Tricia Shroyer, or mailed to the church.

Pentecost Sunday is May 15th during morning worship. After the service, a coffee hour luncheon will be held. All are welcome to attend.

The Morning Worship start time will change to 10 a.m. starting May 29th. This will remain the same for the summer.

Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Don & Marlene Bennett	Greg Kaiser
Michael Robert Rose III	Bill & Patty Gramling
Darlene Rager	Bill Kegg
Phyllis Pfuhl	Jack Weiss
Harry & Lillian Thiel	Pat Minahan
Lois Henry	Justin Korenoski
Melinda Mendoza	Kathy & Robert Wilks
Jim Runkle Sr.	Marlene Rager
Wanda Keifer	Rob Dimitt
Katherine Minahan	John Norris
Gene Manners	Logan Weaver
The Fockler Family	John Hale
Jack Forsha	Mark Decoske
Andrew Mayak	Larry Holbay
Dan Kresko	Patty Coleman
Olivia & Patrick Bragdon	Dick Brewer
Dick Dunkle	Dianna Makin
Christine Emerick	George Hockenberry
Lenore Runkle	All Shut- Ins
	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.

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NAME: _____

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

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Other:

Pick Up On Pentecost Sunday (May 15th): _____

Give To A Shut-In: _____