

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA MORNING WORSHIP September 1, 2019 22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We come to worship our God, to listen to the One who calls us here.

P: We come trusting God to lead us in the coming days, as surely as were our grandparents in the faith.

L: We come to worship our God, to shout with joy to the God of all people.

P: We come to the Creator of all things, to be bathed in the waters of life.

L: We come to the Feast of God's faithful, to be fed by the One who never forsakes us.

P: We come to worship our God, to sing aloud to the One who saves us.

*HYMN "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" #150

*CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

L: Despite all the ways we speak of sin - failures, mistakes, intended acts, Scripture tells us that we are stubborn-hearted, wanting only our way. But if we pause to listen to God, if we open our mouths (and our hearts) to confess our sin, God will fill our emptiness with forgiveness and hope. Let us pray together, as we say,

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: We are always uncomfortable, Watching God, when you notice how we want to sit in the seats of honor. We can be so proper, so good, so well-off, that it is easy to imagine we are superior to the poor. We are so busy completing our 'To Do' list each day, that we forget to do good when we have the chance. Forgive us, Welcoming God. Fill our emptiness with your grace and humility that we would spend our lives alongside Jesus, our Lord and Savior, throwing a party for the poor, the damaged, the prisoner, the lost, the oppressed.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: This is the good news: after what God has done for us, what can anyone or anything do to us? We are new people, graced by our loving God.

P: Forgiven, embraced, welcomed by our God, we will offer open hearts and serving hands to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God.

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L: Friends, Believe the Good News

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

*GLORIA PATRI #579

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 #592

*Prayer of Dedication**

Yesterday, today, and tomorrow, we are offered opportunities to reach out to those who are in need of hope, healing, and friendship. This is why you pour out your blessings upon us, trusting that we will share from our abundance to bless others, even as we have been blessed. Receive the gifts we offer, multiply them, and use them in the work of grace and justice. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Jeremiah 2:4-13 p.647

New Testament Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 p.1052

Gospel Luke 14: 1, 7-14 p.907

MESSAGE Denise Ann Todero, CP

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -The Apostles' Creed

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*HYMN "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" #446

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 "God Be With You" #540

*BENEDICTION/SENDING**

L: Having listened to God's words, we are sent to serve others.

P: Today and tomorrow, we will follow where God leads.

L: Having joined in songs of praise and hope, we will carry these gifts into the world.

P: Today and tomorrow, we will serve beside Jesus.

L: Having been filled with the Spirit of justice, we will go to be with all who struggle.

P: Today and tomorrow, we will bring justice and peace to those around us.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "May the Lord" #596

*Those who are able please stand.

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WORSHIP LEADER: Brenda Molnar

Offering: 08/26		Sunday September 1st	
Attendance: 33		Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.	
Local	585.20		
Benev.	40.50	Sunday Septer	nber 8th
Improv.	34.30	Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.	
Total	660.00	Hymn Sing	7:00 p.m.

Morning Worship will return to a 10:30 a.m. start time, starting next Sunday (September 8th). This will remain the same until Memorial Day.

We will host the monthly West End Hymn Sing on Sunday September 8th at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend. If you are willing to bring something for the refreshments afterwards, see Linda Orlidge or Bev Holbay.

We are purchasing a new set of bulletin covers and are looking for donations to offset the cost. Those who donate \$20 will be acknowledged as a bulletin sponsor on a rotating basis in the bulletin. Please see Ray Sheets for more information or to donate. Donations can also be mailed to the church or placed in the offering plate. Thank you for your support!

Penn Hospice is looking for volunteers to provide care and comfort to Hospice Patients. If you are interested, please see the flyer on the back bulletin board.

The West End Food Pantry is in need of items during the summer to help those in need. Please place all donations of non-perishable food items in the baskets near the Blaine St. Entrance.



Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers			
Don Bennett	Dawna Sheets		
Michael Robert Rose III	The Holbay Family		
Darlene Rager	Sharon Weaver		
Phyllis Pfuhl	Elizabeth Kern		
Harry & Lillian Thiel	John Griffin		
Lois Henry	Rachael Wilks		
Katherine Minahan	Logan Weaver		
Lenore Runkle	Cathy Zakucia		
Andy Serafin	Richard Kibsey		
Nancy Dimitt	Gwen Hartnett		
Joyce Horn	Beth Runkle		
Elaine & Ken Bilger	Marie Hudson		
Bill & Patty Gramling	Linda Shoop		
Marie Kotar	Linda Hayes		
Gloria Sorensen	Mark Hoover		
Kathy & Robert Wilks	John Manges		
Rev. Dr. Brenda & Don Barnes	All Shut- Ins		
Pastor John Hickman	All in Nursing Homes		
Frank Stumpo	All First Responders		
Joey Strickland	All Service Men & Women		
Barbara Cominsky			

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.