

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
July 7th, 2024
6th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 9

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: You awaken the sun, O God, to guide us into the new day:
P: Your name, O God, like your praise, sings in every person.
L: You speak your Word, O God, to guide us into your kingdom:
P: Your hope, O God, like your joy, echoes in every soul.
L: You guide us to those who are looking for you:
P: Your love, O God, like your name, fills the emptiness of every heart.

HYMN "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" #570

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

L: When we look at the relationships we hope to have with one another, and with God, we must admit how broken we are. But, as we gather in the presence of God, we are promised forgiveness and healing, if we will confess our sins. Please join me, as we pray to the One who never ceases to love us,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION **

ALL: You know how stubborn we can be, Holy God. You call us to serve others, and we stay in the coolness of our own homes. You would send us to where the hopeless live, but we are reluctant to leave the comfort of our complacency. You would feed us on the peace and joy of your word, but we pull our chairs up to the tables of those who serve false promises.

Forgive us, Guiding God. Transform our defiance into discipleship, and our rejection of others into the resurrection of welcoming all people as sisters and brothers in Christ. Help us to love as faithfully as you have always loved us, and send us forth to take the good news of Jesus Christ to everyone we meet.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: We open our lips and confess our hearts. God hears our words and make us new, sending us out to bring hope and joy to all the world.

P: We hear the good news, we believe the good news, we will live out the good news.

L: Friends, Believe the Good News

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

GLORIA PATRI #623

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

#625

Prayer of Dedication

As we have heard, so we have seen God's compassion in our lives. As we have seen, so we will live, offering our gifts to God, so others might know God's steadfast love is present with them in every moment. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Lesson	2 Samuel 5:1-5,9-10	p.268
New Testament Lesson	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	p.1010
Gospel Lesson	Mark 6:1-13	p.872

Message - Tammy Noss

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH –The Apostles' Creed

HYMN "America, the Beautiful" #572

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.**

Is not this the carpenter, the Son of Mary?

Mark 6:3

PASTORAL PRAYER and the LORD's PRAYER

BENEDICTION/SENDING**

L: We will go to let the Joy of creation lead us into this new day.

P: We will sing glad choruses of hope to a world in despair.

L: We go to walk with our Heart's Love beside those whose hearts are broken.

**P: We will touch boastful tongues with peace,
we will offer compassion to those frozen with fear.**

L: We will go with your gentle wisdom, Spirit of grace,
to walk the streets of the kingdom.

**P: We will bring healing to grudges held far too long,
filling those who grieve with the laughter of hope.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "God Be With You"

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 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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WORSHIP LEADER:

**Bethany Presbyterian Church
Blaine Street at Chandler Avenue
Johnstown, PA**

Sunday July 7th
Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday June 14th
Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

We Welcome Tammy Noss who is leading us in Worship this morning.

The West End Food Pantry is still in need of staples to keep their shelves stocked during the summer months. Non-perishable food donations can be placed in the bins by the main entrance. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate. Thank you for your support.

Ed Sheets is in need of small shipping boxes (ex: Amazon boxes). If you have some you would like to get rid of, they can be placed on the table in the adult Sunday School Room across from the Memorial Parlor. Thank you for your assistance!

The Christian Home of Johnstown will hold its "Fore Kids" Great Golf Ball Drop on Saturday August 10th at The Highlands @ North Fork. Tickets are \$5 each and more information can be found on the bulletin board by the Blaine St. entrance or by visiting www.CHJcares.org.

Sign Ups For 2024 Lay Leaders and Flower/Bulletin Sponsorships are still being accepted. If you are interested, please see the back bulletin board for more information. You can also order flowers/bulletins on the church website.



Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Lois Henry	Nancy Thomas
Dawna Sheets	Rich Horner
Jeanne Lehman	Dave & Karen Vivis
Marie Whorl	Chuck Schmidt
Bev Holbay	Joshua Holbay Family
Mark Todero	Dominic Serratore
Carl Newfield	Loretta Davidson
Beverly Rager	Irene Barefoot Bischof
Mikey Ferante	Rodney Gramling
Jill Sheets	Gary Lichtenfels
Betty Clemenson	Bob Kinsey
Pat Pecora	Randy Maurer
Linda Orlidge	Stephen Yuhas
Frank Cassat	All Shut- Ins
JR Bilger	All in Nursing Homes
Linda Hayes	All First Responders
Lena Azzoli	All Service Men & Women
Missy DiPlacido	All Healthcare Professionals

To Place Announcements Or Concerns List Names in the bulletin contact Ed Sheets at 539-3495 or email at bethanyjtown@hotmail.com or contact Pastor Denise at 814-248-8174 or email her at datodero55@gmail.com.

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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