

Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP June 16th, 2024
4th Sunday After Pentecost
Men of the Church Sunday Father's Day

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: The church is the place where the broken gather:

P: let us worship the One who reconciles us to one another and to God.

L: The church is the place where sinners are welcome:

P: let us worship God who, with forgiving hands, shapes us into new people.

L: The church is the place where the lost, the least, the forgotten, the ignored gather:

let us worship God who looks at us with the eyes of love.

***HYMN "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" # 59**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION*

L: Why is it so easy to boast of our achievements, yet so hard to humbly come to God with the mistakes we make? This is the place where we stand in the presence of the One who longs to shape us into new people. So, let us ask our loving God to forgive us, as we pray, saying,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

ALL: We confess, God of Faith, that we ask about someone's background to see if they are like us, while you look at where their heart is grounded. We examine another's good looks or athletic prowess, while you take notice of how they reach out to those who are different. We gaze at the size of another's house or car or portfolio to judge how successful they are, and you observe whether or not they have faith the size of the smallest seed.

Forgive us, Anointing God, for looking at those around us with human eyes, and not seeing them as created in your image. As you shape us into new people, give us new eyes, new hearts, new lives to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

L: This is the good news: no longer must we walk the old paths of sin and death. Christ has come to take our old ways on himself, and to fill us with new life in God.

P: Now, we know we are forgiven; now, we know we are at peace; now, we can step forward in faith, to live with our God forever. Amen.

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**

Unison Prayer of Dedication*

ALL: How does God answer the cries of those facing difficulties? With the gifts we offer. How do we remember those who worry about feeding children, finding medical care, or being filled with hope? By sharing from the abundance of our blessings, so all might know that God cares for them. We pray, Holy God, that you will multiply the seeds we offer that they might become the greatest good for all your children. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

First Lesson	Ezekiel 17:22-24	p.726
Second Lesson	2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17	p.1006
Gospel Lesson	Mark 4:26-34	p.870

MESSAGE Denise Ann Toderro, CP

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH –**

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

***HYMN "Faith of Our Fathers" #279**

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 "This is My Father's World" #58**

***BENEDICTION**

L: Now go as God's seeds of reconciliation.

P: We will plant reconciliation in all the broken places and people.

L: Now go as Christ's hands of forgiveness.

P: We will embrace everyone we meet with mercy and hope.

L: Now go as the Spirit's eyes of love.

P: We will see each person as our sister and brother.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "God Be With You" #602**

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

**** © Rev. Thom Shuman**

ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

COMMISSIONED PASTOR: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADER: Ray Sheets

I will instruct
you and show
you the way you
should walk,
give you
counsel with my
eye upon you.

Psalms 32 : 8

Offering: 06/09
Attendance: 18
Local 1276.70
Benev. 88.40
Improv. 74.90
Roof 10.00
Total 1450.00

Sunday June 16th
 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Father's Day

Sunday June 23rd
 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.



The Women's Association of First Presbyterian Church invites the ladies of our church to Afternoon Tea on Monday June 24th at 12 p.m. The tea will be held at First Presbyterian Church (309 Lincoln St.). Hat and gloves are optional. Please RSVP by June 17th by calling Caroline at 814-536-8141.

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.

Pine Springs Camp has a variety of programs and camping options. For more information, visit www.pinesprings.org or search for Pine Springs Camp on Facebook.

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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