

**Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA**  
**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**May 21st, 2023 7th Sunday of Easter**

**CALL TO WORSHIP\*\***

L: At the presence of God, we rejoice:

**P: glorifying the One who is Parent of all orphans.**

L: In the presence of Jesus Christ, we listen:

**P: to the Voice who calls us to humbly serve others.**

L: Through the presence of the Holy Spirit, we speak:

**P: making God's love known to the world-forsaken in our midst.**

**HYMN "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" #108**

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION\*\***

L: We know what we should do, yet don't. We know the words people need to hear, but utter the ones that hurt them. Yet, we also know that if we confess our failings to God, we will receive forgiveness and hope. Please join me as we pray together, saying,

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION\*\***

**ALL: God of glory: we are so busy watching the skies for signs of your presence that we forget to look around to see those we can serve in your name. We are so intent on finding just the right way to tell someone off, that we forget the words of reconciliation you have taught to us. We are so convinced we can figure out your schedule that we forget to open ourselves to the presence of your Spirit within us.**

**Mighty source of our lives, forgive us for all that we have done to others. Fill us with the wisdom to resist evil in our lives and strengthen us in that faith which is given to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

**SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*\***

L: Beloved, do not be surprised. Our God is gracious to all, restoring us to new life.

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**

**Prayer of Dedication\*\***

Loving God, you pour out your grace upon us without reservation; help us to be as gracious and generous with our gifts and resources, so others might know you hope, your healing, your presence in their lives. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

<b>First Lesson</b>	<b>Acts 1: 6-14</b>	<b>p.947</b>
<b>Second Lesson</b>	<b>1Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11</b>	<b>p.1060</b>
<b>Gospel Lesson</b>	<b>John 17:1-11</b>	<b>p.941</b>

**MESSAGE Denise Ann Todero, CP**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed**

**HYMN "All Creatures of Our God and King" #64**

**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 "Fairest Lord Jesus"**

**#88**

**BENEDICTION/SENDING\*\***

L: The hour has come to go into the world,

**P: where our worship of God will continue  
in every moment of our lives.**

L: The hour has come to serve those around us,

**P: to shoulder the burdens of our sisters,  
to ease the pain of our brothers.**

L: The hour has come to glorify God,

**P: with our prayers as well as our praise,  
with songs as well as acts of service.**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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

**ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger**

**COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR: Denise Ann Todero**

**WORSHIP LEADER: Tomi Nosko**

*Jesus loved us while we were yet sinners.*

*Jesus' love for us did not depend on what we could give him in  
return.*

*The love of Jesus is completely disinterested and gratuitous  
in the sense that his love in no way depends on the loving qualities  
or the response of men.*

*Jesus' love is creative, not responsive:  
giving, not possessing.*

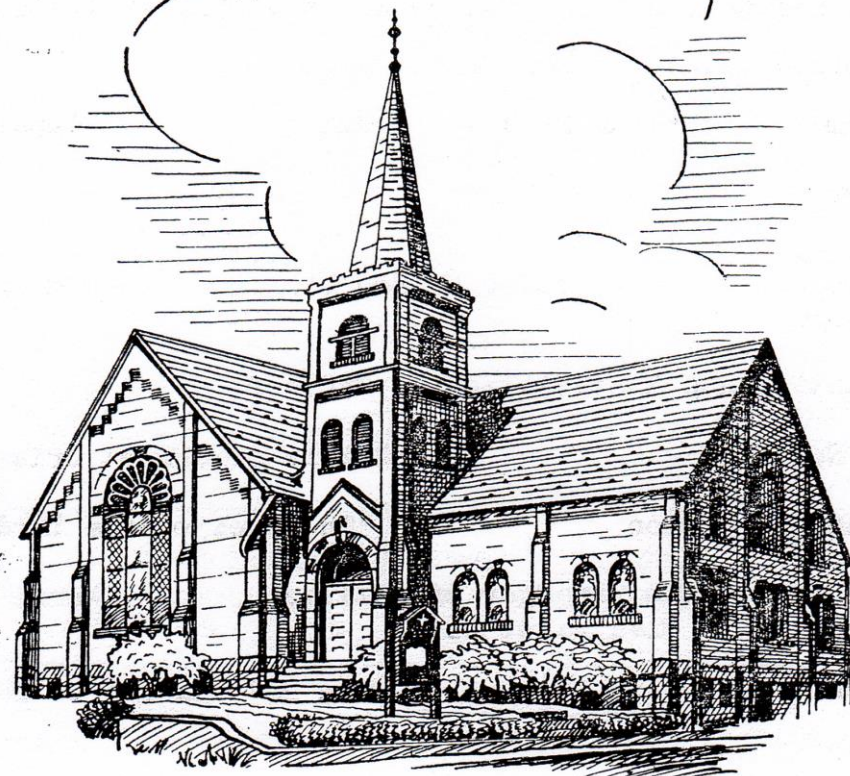
*-- Charles Curran*

*Too many times we miss so much  
because we live on the low level  
of the natural, the ordinary, the explainable.*

*We leave no room for God to do the exceeding abundant thing  
above all that we can ask or think.*

*Vance Havner*

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**Offering: 05/14**  
**Attendance: 31**  
**Local 1544.40**  
**Benev. 107.00**  
**Improv. 90.60**  
**Total 1742.00**

**Sunday May 21st**  
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday May 28th**  
 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.  
**Pentecost Sunday**



**The Start Time** for Morning Worship will change to 10 a.m. starting next Sunday (May 28<sup>th</sup>). This will remain the same until the Sunday after Labor Day.

**Join Us** next Sunday as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday here at Bethany. Activities include welcoming five new members to our congregation, a red food collection to benefit the West End Food Pantry, and a Coffee Hour after Worship. Those attending are encourage to wear red. All are welcome!

**Orders for Pentecost Geraniums** are now being accepted. The cost is \$4 each and orders are due today. Orders and payment can be placed in the offering plate.

**Afternoon Tea** will be held at First Presbyterian Church on Monday June 19<sup>th</sup> at noon. To RSVP, call 814-536-8141 by June 12<sup>th</sup>. All ladies are invited to attend.

**We Are Updating** our military appreciation bulletin board in the hallway by the Memorial Parlor. If you would like to add a name, please fill out a form on the back table and place it in the offering plate. Forms can also be filled out on the church website. We ask that all names be submitted by June 25th

**Weekly Flower and Bulletins** for 2023 are still available for most weeks. The cost is \$25 per week for flowers and \$10 per week for bulletins. If you purchase flowers and bulletins for the same week the cost is \$30. To reserve a week, sign up on- the back bulletin board or fill out the form on the church website.

<b>Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...</b>	
Pastor Denise	David Hayduk
Lois Henry	Susie Keefer
Ray & Dawna Sheets	Chloe Kern
Buzz & Jeanne Lehman	Tyler & Julie Kalp
Marie Whorl	Linda Hayes
Bev Holbay	David Varner
Wendy Manges	Loretta Davidson
Mark Todero	Nancy Thomas
Shirley Gavazoni	Elaine Bilger
Sandra Boring	Randy Maurer
Bill Faust	Kim Redvay
Beverly Rager	Jay Freedline
Mikey Ferante	Dave Kelly
Susan Willis	All Shut- Ins
Jim Kuntz	All in Nursing Homes
Joel Marple	All First Responders
Dave Lampel	All Service Men & Women
Matt Sernell	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.

**Visit Our Website** ([www.bethanyjohnstown.com](http://www.bethanyjohnstown.com)) or follow us on Facebook (Bethany Presbyterian Church- Johnstown, PA) for the latest news, information and much more!

## Pentecost Geraniums

Orders are now being accepted for Pentecost Geraniums. The cost is \$4 each and orders are due by May 21st.

Name:

# of Geraniums \_\_\_\_\_ x \$4 Each = \$\_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of:

In Honor Of:

Other:

Given By:

Orders and payment can be placed in the offering plate.  
Geraniums can be picked up on Pentecost Sunday (May 28<sup>th</sup>).

## Military Appreciation Board

Fill out this form and place it in the offering plate by June 25<sup>th</sup> to add a name to the military appreciation bulletin board by the Memorial Parlor

NAME:

BRANCH THEY SERVED IN: