



Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP
August 18th, 2019 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The One who commands the clouds calls us to be poured out for others.

P: We can, by faith, be the waters of peace which quench the fires of hatred.

L: The One who creates mercy and hope, longs for a world of fair play and grace.

P: We can, by faith, let righteousness and justice be our constant companions.

L: The One who is with us in every moment composes a love-song for our hearts.

P: We can, by faith, teach this song to everyone we meet.

***HYMN "Immortal, Invisible" #263**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION*

L: Being human, we never find it easy to ask for forgiveness. But as God's children, called to live in relationship with one another, we know we must speak of how we have hurt others, so we might be forgiven and restored to new life. Please join me as we pray to God, saying,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

ALL: What more can we say, Expectant God, that you don't know already? You long for justice for all people, but it is washed away by the flood of violence in our world. You hope that righteousness will walk with us, but you hear the clear cries of those we mistreat. You ask us to speak up for those in need, but we shut our mouths and turn away.

Forgive us, Righteous God. Have mercy when we do not bear the fruit we could. Even though we have not lived our faith to the fullest, may we receive the promises of hope and grace you have given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

L: Shhh, listen! Can you hear them? The saints of heaven - those who have gone on before us - are cheering us on as we run towards the finish line of our faith.

P: Thanks be to God! The victory has already been won for us in Jesus Christ.

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*

As you share your blessings with us, Gracious God, you show great faith that we will use them wisely and offer them generously to others. So, by faith, may our gifts bring healing to the broken, hope to the despairing, and laughter to those who mourn. This we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament **Isaiah 5:1-7** **p.589**

New Testament **Hebrews 11:29-12:2** **p.1050**

Gospel **Luke 12:49-56** **p.906**

MESSAGE

Denise Todero, CP

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

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***HYMN**

"Amazing Grace"

#280

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 of Grace and God of Glory" #292**

BENEDICTION/SENDING*

L: In faith, we have worshiped the God of all grace and hope.

P: By faith, we will go to be poured out for all around us.

L: Through faith, we have come to follow the Servant of the poor.

**P: With faith, we will go with our companions,
justice and righteousness, to serve the oppressed.**

L: By faith, we learn the songs of the Spirit of love.

**P: In faith, we will sing these songs with those
for whom the music has gone silent.**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace"**

**Those who are able please stand.*

***© Rev. Thom Shuman*

ORGANISTS : John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

COMMISSIONED PASTOR: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADER:

A church bulletin board reads:

*"If you have troubles, come in and tell us about them.
If you have none, come in and tell us how you do it."*

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*Anyone who proposes to do good must not expect people to roll
stones out of his way, but must accept his lot calmly
if they even roll a few more upon it.*

Albert Schweitzer

Offering: 08/11
Attendance: 15
Local 697.75
Benev. 48.25
Improv. 40.00
Bulletins 240.00
Total 1026.00

Sunday August 18th
Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday August 25th
Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Communion/Church Picnic

Mark Your Calendars! The annual church picnic will be held next Sunday (August 25th). The day starts with a special Morning Worship service at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Following the service, a picnic luncheon will be held. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish to share. Please sign up on the back bulletin board if you plan on attending, so that we know how many to prepare for.

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!

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
Cheryl Gindlesperger	Gwen Hartnett
Nancy Dimitt	Beth Runkle
Joyce Horn	Marie Hudson
Elaine & Ken Bilger	Linda Shoop
Bill & Patty Gramling	Linda Hayes
Marie Kotar	Vickie Zimmerman
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.