

Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP
May 7th, 2023 5th Sunday of Easter

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We are God's household, crafted by the Architect of creation:

P: our hearts a shelter for the outcast; our hands open to the stranger.

L: We are God's people, created in the divine image:

P: to tell others of God's love, to offer mercy as freely as we have received it.

L: We are God's children, called to give of ourselves:

P: chosen to serve the lost and lonely, gifted to minister to a hurting world.

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

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

Considered to rough for their smooth plans, the builders cast out the Stone they needed. But God builds salvation on the One who is the foundation of all hope. Let us confess our sins to God and one another, trusting we will not be put to shame,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Hear the brokenness of our lives, Precious God. We cover our ears so we cannot hear the cries of those in need, or you urging us to respond. We rush together to defend every issue that matters to us, but quickly disperse when you would call us to be your holy people. We shout as loud as we can to cheer on our sports teams, but can manage only whispers when it comes to sharing the good news.

Forgive us, our Eternal Guide, and do not hold our sins against us. We lay the garments of our foolishness at your feet, so you might clothe us in grace and hope. We would feed on the spiritual food which flows from your heart so we might be strong enough to follow Jesus as he leads us in the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: You are no longer alone - you are God's Beloved. You are not of this world, but residents of God's Kingdom. You, who once had no hope, have been filled with forgiveness.

P: Each one of us, all of us, have received God's mercy in Christ. Forgiven, redeemed, made whole - we are a people made one in faith.

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**

We offer our gifts so that others may not feel alone, eat alone, live alone, be alone, but that they may be surrounded by your grace and love through us and the lives we offer to the. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

First Lesson	Acts 7:55-60	p.954
Second Lesson	1Peter 2:2-10	p.1058
Gospel Lesson	John 14:1-14	p.938

MESSAGE

Denise Ann Todero, CP

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Psalm 31:1-5,15-16)

L: In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

P: Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

L: You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

P: take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

L: Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

P: My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

L: Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

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 "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken" #278

BENEDICTION/SENDING**

L: May the blessings of the One who is the Way be with you in the days to come.

P: May God guide our feet wherever we go.

L: May the blessings of Jesus who is our Life be with you in the days to come.

P: May he lead us by the hand to those who are our sisters and brothers in need.

L: May the blessings of the Spirit of Truth be with you in the days to come.

P: May we journey with the Spirit to that way which is everlasting.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #286

ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

COMMISSIONED PASTOR: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADERS: Tomi Nosko

God our Father has made all things depend on faith so that whoever has faith will have everything, and whoever does not have faith will have nothing.

Martin Luther, On Christian Liberty

I am
THE WAY
the TRUTH,
and the
LIFE.
No one comes to
the FATHER
except through
ME.
JOHN 14:6

Offering: 04/30
Local 925.70
Benev. 64.00
Improv. 54.30
OGHS 30.00
Total 1074.00

Sunday May 7th
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday May 14th
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.



Session will meet on today after Morning Worship.

The Upper Room subscriptions are now due. The cost is \$8 per year and payment can be given to Ray Sheets.

The Start Time for Morning Worship will change to 10 a.m. starting Sunday May 28th. This will remain the same until the Sunday after Labor Day.

First Presbyterian Church in downtown Johnstown will hold a free concert featuring the Forest Hills Band next Sunday (May 14th) starting at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend.

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.

Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
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
Linda & Richard Oaks	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.

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