

No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God?



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

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MORNING WORSHIP
June 26th, 2016 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: On days when we think God has nothing to do with work or family or the world:

P: The Book tells us of One who was a carpenter; who wandered the streets; who upset his family.

L: On days when we think the purpose of life is to make more money and fewer friends:

P: The Book speaks of a life of giving away of ourselves and finding a community as we do so.

L: On days aching with loneliness and empty of love and laughter:

P: The Book draws us into the embrace of God's open heart.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Jesus Calls Us"

#375

CALL TO RECONCILIATION*

L: Christ has set us free from everything that might detain, oppress, derail us. But we should not confuse this with the right to do whatever we wish. No, we are called to serve others, to share God's hope and joy with everyone we meet. Let us confess how we have misused this wonderful gift of grace, as we pray, saying,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

Redeeming God, how easily we say we would follow you, but how often we live as if we don't have a clue as to what that means. We choose to gossip about our friends, rather than surrounding them with love. Our competitive nature wills us to win at all costs, when we could be engaged in costly service. We expect others to do for us and rarely ask what we might do for them.

Forgive us, High and Holy One. Set us free to serve in love and compassion; help us to feast on the fruit the Spirit offers to us; put us on the path of faithful discipleship, as we walk with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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**

***Prayer of Dedication**

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Lesson 2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14 p.319

New Testament Lesson Galatians 5:1,13-25 p.1015

Gospel Lesson Luke 9:51-62 p.901

MESSAGE Denise Ann Todero, CRE

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

***HYMN "Lord Speak to Me"**

#450

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 "Take Time to be Holy"**

#441

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE

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

ORGANIST's: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADER: Tina Varner

*If a man says with Pascal, "Lord, I give You everything,"
and in a tone that really commits him,
his friends can expect or fear anything from him
save that he will turn his life into a farce.*

Francois Mauriac, God and Mammon

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*Self-discipline never means giving up anything,
for giving up is a loss.
Our Lord did not ask us to give up the things of earth,
but to exchange them for better things.*

Fulton J. Sheen

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*The kamikaze pilot who flew 50 missions was involved—
but never committed.*

*Lou Holtz,
former Notre Dame football coach*

Offering: 6/19
Attendance: 26

Sunday June 26th
Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour After Worship

Local	387.45
Benev.	26.85
Improv.	<u>22.70</u>
Total	437.00

Sunday July 3rd
Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

The West End Food Pantry is looking for donations of canned pineapple. Any type of canned pineapple (20 oz. preferred) can be donated. Please place all donations in the baskets by the Blaine Street entrance.

Newsletters & Directories are available on the back table. Be sure to pick yours up today!

Coffee Hour will be held today following the worship service. All are welcome to attend.

Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Don & Marlene Bennett	Greg Kaiser
Michael Robert Rose III	Bill & Patty Gramling
Darlene Rager	Bill Kegg
Phyllis Pfuhl	Jack Weiss
Harry & Lillian Thiel	Pat Minahan
Lois Henry	Justin Korenoski
Melinda Mendoza	Kathy & Robert Wilks
Jim Runkle Sr.	Marlene Rager
Wanda Keifer	Rob Dimitt
Katherine Minahan	John Norris
Gene Manners	Logan Weaver
The Fockler Family	John Hale
Jack Forsha	Mark Decoske
Andrew Mayak	Larry Holbay
Dan Kresko	Patty Coleman
Olivia & Patrick Bragdon	Dick Brewer
Dick Dunkle	Dianna Makin
Christine Emerick	George Hockenberry
Lenore Runkle	Lilyana Newfield
Taylor Lingenfelter	All Shut- Ins
Tom Berg	All Service Men & Women
Anne Fattman	

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.