

Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA MORNING WORSHIP June 18th, 2017 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time "Men of the Church Sunday – Father's Day"

PRELUDE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

For God sent His Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ, now exalted as Lord of all, pours out his gifts on the church. Grant us that unity which your Spirit gives, keep us in the bond of peace, and bring all creation to worship before your throne; for you live and reign, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 116)

L: What shall we return to you, O God, for all of your bounty to us?

P: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

L: O Lord, I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

P: I will give you thanksgiving and call on your name in the presence of all the people.

L: Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #51

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Eternal God, we confess that we resist your holy realm. You look with favor on the poor while we treat the lowly with distain. You scatter the plans of the proud while we aspire to power and privilege.

Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us what you desire, so that our hearts may leap with joy at the coming of our Savior; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L:....Friends, Believe the Good News

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

*GLORIA PATRI

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 Genesis 18:1-15 p. 13

New Testament Lesson Romans 5:1-8 p. 980

Gospel Lesson Matthew 9:35-10:8 p.843

MESSAGE Denise Ann Todero, CRE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostle's Creed

*HYMN "Lord, Speak to Me" #450

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

LITANY -GOD'S CALL/PROMISE

L: God's message to the prophet Joel was this:

P: I will give Spirit to everyone. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will have dreams, and your young men will see visions.

L: God's message to the prophet Jeremiah was this:

P: I am your Creator, and before you were born, I chose you to speak for me to the nations.

L: Jeremiah protested, saying "I'm not a good speaker, Lord, and I'm too young."

P: God answered Jeremiah, "Don't say you're too young. If I tell you to go and speak to someone, then go! And when I tell you what to say, don't leave out a word! I promise to be with you and keep you safe, do don't be afraid."

L: So, we are not afraid because God's Spirit is with us. Together we proclaim:

P: God our Savior wants everyone to be saved and to come to know the truth. There is one God, and there is one who brings God and human beings together, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself to redeem everyone.

*HYMN "Make Me a Blessing" #452

- *BENEDICTION
- *CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace" POSTLUDE

*Those who are able please stand.

ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADER: Ray Sheets

Today we celebrate Men of the Church Sunday and Father's Day, A salute to men who have dedicated their lives to the Honor and Glory of serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in all that they are and will be.

God's might to direct me, God's power to protect me, God's wisdom for learning, God's eye for discerning, God's ear for my hearing, God's Word for my clearing.

Saint Patrick