

**Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP**

July 10th, 2022 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Blessed is God, who created us and loves us beyond measure.

P: Blessed is God, who calls us to stop measuring out our love.

L: Blessed is God, who speaks and tells us stories about ourselves.

P: Blessed is God, who reveals to us who we are and who we could be.

L: Blessed is God, whose compassion is poured out on every single person.

P: Blessed is God, who gives us compassion to share with every single person, even people we do not know or care about.

HYMN "Come, Christians Join to Sing" #108

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

L: Do you love God? Do you show it in your words, your thoughts, your actions? Do you love your neighbor? Do they know this by your presence, your grace, your friendship? Or are you so obsessed with yourself, that you have no time, no room, no pity for others, or for God? Let us confess the limits we place on our love, so we might be filled with God's limitless mercy.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: They may not be beaten down or lying by the road, but there are people we pass by, Watching God.

Some are family and friends we take so much for granted we cannot see how we have stripped them of our love and compassion.

Others are neighbors:

who have been left half-dead by crushing work;

who have fallen into the hands of despair;

who have been abandoned by all those who walked on by them.

Many are strangers, people we don't know, but quickly judge:

they are weak, or poor, or the enemy or because they remind us of who we once were, or could become.

Rescue us from the power of our sins, Righteous One of all generations. Pour out your justice on us, rather than your judgment, that we would be moved with pity, and spurred to action; that we would hear of the hope that is ours, and share it with our sisters and brothers; that we would shower mercy on all we meet, even as we have received forgiveness for our sins through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Children of the Most High: you are forgiven and brought into the kingdom. Be filled with spiritual wisdom, lead lives worthy of your inheritance, bear fruit in all you say and do and think.

P: God has rescued us and redeemed us from our sins, setting aside judgment to shower us with mercy. We will go and do likewise.

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**

May these gifts which we offer be used to bring justice to the weak, a family to the orphan, fairness to the outcast, and hope to the needy. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Lesson **Amos 7: 7-17** **p.795**
Second Lesson **Colossians 1:1-14** **p.1026**
Gospel **Luke 10:25-37** **p.902**

MESSAGE **Denise Ann Todero, CP**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH-The Apostles' Creed

HYMN **"He Leadeth Me" #461**

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

BENEDICTION/SENDING**

L: Now go, to be God's blessing to others.
P: We will not stop measuring out our love by the spoonful, but shower everyone with it.
L: Now go, to tell share the story of Jesus' love and hope for all.
P: We will go to speak of the One who, with grace and wonder, shows everyone who they are and who they might be.
L: Now go, to pour out the Spirit's compassion in every corner of your life.
P: We will go to care for everyone, even those we do not know.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace"

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