

BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN, Johnstown, PA
Easter Sunday April 17th, 2022

CALL TO WORSHIP

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L: This is the day the Lord has made!

P: We will rejoice in it.

L: This is the day God has made; and what a day!

P: When God wipes away our tears so we can see the empty tomb.

L: What a day! Easter day!

P: When God opens our hearts' tombs as Jesus calls us by name.

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HYMN "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" #217

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

L: Logically, rationally, we have no need to confess. Our petty sins pale in comparison to the great evils of our time. But this is the day God tossed logic out the window and raised Jesus from the dead. So we must throw out our claims of innocence, and confess how we have not lived as God's Easter people.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

On this first day of the week, Emptier of tombs, we must admit that we have not lived faithfully the last few days. It is not that we have done great evil; we simply have failed to do good for others. It is not so much that we have caused hurt, but we have not brought healing. It is not that we have trouble believing in the event of Easter, we have difficulty speaking about this day to our friends and neighbors.

Call us by name, Redeemer of all creation, so we might hear your words of mercy. You have not give us over to despair, but handed us hope. You have not ignored our emptiness, but filled us with the Bread of Heaven. You do not give us over to death, but raise us to new life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: On this Easter, as on the first; on this day, as on every day; God turns to us, calls us by name, and plants forgiveness and hope in our lives.

P: Alleluia! This is the good news! Christ is our peace, the peace we need, the peace which will heal the world. Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

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

#625

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Isaiah 65:17-25 p.644

New Testament Acts 10:34-43 p.957

Gospel Lesson John 20: 1-18 p.944

MESSAGE

Denise Ann Todero, CP

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Apostles' Creed

HYMN

"Because He Lives"

#213

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.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

L: Loving and Compassionate God, Father, all powerful and ever-living,

P Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.**

L Lord, you are holy indeed..... we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

P Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.

L We remember, O Father, in accordance with his command,.....
Do this in memory of me."

**P When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim
your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

L Worthy is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain, to receive all power
and wealth, wisdom and might, honor and glory and praise.

**P Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.
You are the Savior of the world.**

L Loving God, send your Holy Spirit upon these gift..... Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

The body of Christ. **Response: The bread of heaven.**

The blood of Christ. **Response: The cup of salvation.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN "Thine Is the Glory" #227

BENEDICTION

L: We could just return to our homes and go back to life,

**P: but we will go to rebuild neighbors, and share the light we
have received.**

L: We could just stand around and wonder where Jesus has gone,

**P: but we will turn and, as he calls us by name,
follow to bring hope and healing to our world.**

L: We could just keep quiet and not whisper a word to anyone,

**P: but we will go to tell others of the good news
that Jesus is alive and in our midst.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Christ Arose" #216

****© Rev. Thom Shuman**

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COMMISSIONED PASTOR: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADER: Brenda Molnar

I am
the resurrection
and the life
John 11.25



Offering: 04/10
Attendance:
Local 365.30
Benev. 25.30
Improv. 21.40
Total 412.00

Sunday April 17th
 Breakfast 9:15 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Easter Sunday

Sunday April 24th
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Upper Room subscription fees are due now. The cost is \$8 for the year and money can be given to Ray Sheets.

One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes and collection fish can be placed in the offering plate or given to Ray Sheets. Thank you for your support of this important campaign.

Session will meet on Sunday May 1st after Morning Worship. Please submit all agenda items to Pastor Denise or Linda Orlidge.

Flower and Bulletin Sponsorships for 2022 are available for most Sundays. If you are interested, please sign up on the back bulletin board.

Donations for the West End Food Pantry can be placed in the bins by the Blaine St. entrance. All non-perishable food items are appreciated, especially as we approach the holiday season.



Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Pastor Denise	Ruby Porch
Don Bennett	Christine Paratore
Phyllis Pfuhl	David Hayduk
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Dawna Sheets	Chloe Kern
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Wendy Manges	Mike Whorl
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Diane Brewer	All Shut- Ins
The Todero Family	All in Nursing Homes
Shirley Gavazoni	All First Responders
Linda & Richard Oaks	All Service Men & Women
David Vivis	All Healthcare Professionals

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In Memory Of

Larry Holbay
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Louis & Mary Barclay
Shirley & Harry Weaver
Shirley Varner
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Jessie Rager
David Hayduk
Linda Orlidge

In Honor Of

Our Children and Grandchildren
Our Family
Victims of Ukraine
My Wonderful Mother & Step-Father

Given By

Pastor Denise & Pete
Brenda Molnar
Brenda Molnar
Tomi Nosko