

Bethany Presbyterian Church

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## Johnstown, PA 15906

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## MORNING WORSHIP October 8<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP\*\***

L: From north and south, from east and west, we come:

**P:** God's people called to the Table where simple grace nourishes us.

L: From down the street to across town, from single households to apartment dwellers:

P: God's people are called to community, where we live and serve one another.

L: From every class, every race, every status; from little one with sippy cups to elders with overflowing hearts:

ALL: God's people are called to witness to God's hope, to offer peace to a shattered world.

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE "All Things Bright and Beautiful"#578

### \*CALL TO RECONCILIATION\*\*

We are good at rules: making them and then breaking them. Paul reminds us that, when we gain Christ Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we receive exactly what we need - forgiveness, grace, hope. Let us confess our sins to God that we might know God's healing love for us!

## \*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION\*\*

If we were to name all the gods we have before you, Rock of Redemption, we would be here a very long time. We elevate politicians into saviors, though they are as broken as we are. We misuse your name so much during the day, we have trouble speaking to you in prayer at night. We are so busy; we do not notice how creation witnesses to your goodness and grace.

Forgive us, God our Hope. Help us to let go of what we value most, so we may open our emptiness, our hearts, our lives to the healing and loving presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

## **\*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

#### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Persistently, patiently, lovingly, God pours out grace and joy into our lives, healing our brokenness, forgiving our sin.

P: Loved, we are sent to love; forgiven, we are freed to forgive; graced, we can offer our gifts to everyone we meet.

L: Friends, Believe the Good News

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

\*GLORIA PATRI

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#### **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	#62	#625	
*Prayer of D	Dedication		
LESSONS FROM TH	IE SCRIPTURES		
Old Testament	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	p.63	
New Testament	Philippians 3:4b-14	p.1023	
Gospel	Matthew 21:33-46	p.856	
MESSAGE	Denise Ann Todero, CLP	)	

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Apostles Creed \*HYMN "The Solid Rock" #404

#### 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 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" #371

#### \*CHARGE AND BLESSING\*\*

L: Go out from this place of peace, to serve a hurting world.

P: We go, knowing that the God of peace will be with us.

L: Go where there is disunity among Christians, and bring God's reconciliation.

P: We go, knowing that the God of peace will be with us.

L: Go where there is injustice and brokenness, to bring God's way of peace.

P: We go, knowing that the God of peace will be with us.

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace"

\*Those who are able please stand. \*\* © Rev. Thom Shuman

ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR: Denise Ann Todero WORSHIP LEADER: Brenda Molnar

We are not part of a nice neat creation, set in motion by a loving God; we are part of a mutinous world where rebellion against God is the order of the day. Samuel M. Shoemaker, cofounder of Alcoholics Anonymous

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All the way through the Bible man is rebellious. Adam and Eve rebelled in the Garden of Eden against God. Cain rebelled against the teachings of God. The Tower of Babel was nothing but a rebellion. Lot rebelled against Abraham. Esau rebelled against Jacob. Absalom rebelled against David. And every one of us today is a rebel. Earth is a planet in rebellion against God.

**Billy Graham** 

Offering: Attendan		<b>Sunday October 8th</b> Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Local Benev. Improv. Roof Total	1162.35 80.50 68.15 <u>20.00</u> 1331.00	<b>Sunday October 15th</b> Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

**The Flowers Today** are given in loving memory of William Ribblett and our parents by Bill & Peggy Kegg.

**We Will Once Again** be handing out treat bags here at the church on Trick or Treat Night. If you would like to donate candy, please bring it to the church by October 29th. We will also pack the treat bags that day, and all volunteers are appreciated. Monetary donations to purchase candy can be given to Ray Sheets or placed in the offering plate.

**We Are Currently Reviewing** the list of names on the prayer concerns list printed in your bulletin. Please take a minute to review the list on the back table and mark whether they can be left on the list or removed from the list. Thank you for your help.

**Bon Ton Community Days** coupon books are available now. The cost is \$5 each and the proceeds benefit the church. Books can be purchased from Linda Orlidge here at the church or by clicking the link on the church website.

**Brad Dayton and students** from Pitt-Johnstown's Campus Ministry will join us for worship on Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup>. A free will offering will be taken for them during that service.

**Newsletters** are available on the back table. Be sure to pick yours up today.

Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers			
Don Bennett	Bill & Patty Gramling		
Michael Robert Rose III	Bill Kegg		
Darlene Rager	Justin Korenoski		
Phyllis Pfuhl	Kathy & Robert Wilks		
Harry & Lillian Thiel	Logan Weaver		
Lois Henry	Larry Holbay		
Melinda Mendoza	George Hockenberry		
Jim Runkle Sr.	Lilyana Newfield		
Katherine Minahan	Sharon Weaver		
Jack Forsha	Melissa Zeisman		
Olivia & Patrick Bragdon	Elizabeth Kern		
Dick Dunkle	Wanda Keifer		
Lenore Runkle	John & Cindy Griffin		
Andrew Mayak	Rose Marie Oravetz		
Andy Serafin	Charles Molnar		
Ken Bilger	Carol Flynn		
Francine Calpin	Jane (Barefoot) Volscko		
Diann Makin	Rachael Wilks		
Mark Rager	Beth Runkle		
Linda Hayes	All Shut- Ins		
Bill Friben	All in Nursing Homes		
Bill Shroyer	All Service Men & Women		
John Morgan			

**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.