

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP
August 25th, 2024 13th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 16

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: Jesus said: 'I am the Bread of Life . . . whoever eats this Bread will always live.'

P: This is a tough teaching, too tough to swallow.

L: Jesus said: 'Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.'

P: This is a tough teaching, too tough to hear.

L: Jesus said to all he met: 'Follow me.'

P: We have accepted Jesus, and seek to be faithful, no matter how tough it is to follow him.

***HYMN "Morning Has Broken" #60**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION*

L: If it was easy to follow Jesus, we would not need to ask for forgiveness. But it is tough - tough to say 'yes,' tough to be graceful, tough to be loving. Yet whatever we do, God loves us enough to forgive us and to feed us with the Bread of Life. Let us pray together, saying,

*** UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION ****

God, our sun and shield: we may long to be in your house, but our deeds show how tough it is for us to live there. Called to follow, we search for paths to take us back to our old ways; given the words of eternal life, we weakly proclaim the gospel to others; offered the path of salvation to walk upon, we stumble down the rocky roads of our world.

Forgive us, Guardian of our lives. Strengthen us with your Spirit, so we may follow Jesus Christ, the One we have come to believe and know is our Lord and Savior.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

L: Today, receive the Bread of Life; today, hear the words of eternal hope; today, trust in the One who hears your prayers, and showers grace and forgiveness upon you.

P: Today, we are set free to serve God's people, and to sing God's praises.

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 with "The peace of Christ be with you")

REDEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Offertory

***Doxology #625**

Prayer of Dedication**

Take our gifts, Gracious God, and use them to put shoes on blistered feet, to put garments of grace around the hopeless, to touch hurting bodies with healing hands, and to share the gospel with everyone we meet. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Lesson

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43 p.299

New Testament Lesson Ephesians 6:10-20 p.1020

Gospel Lessons John 6:56-69 p.929

MESSAGE Denise Ann Todero, CP

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed**

***HYMN "To God Be the Glory" #66**

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 God Will Take Care of You #47**

BENEDICTION/SENDING*

L: Let us go now, to share God's strength.

P: We will do so by embracing the weakness of others.

L: Let us go now, to be as alert as Jesus.

P: We will do so by noticing the brokenness all around us.

L: Let us go now, to share the life of the Spirit.

P: We will do so by receiving the bread of life from the poor.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "God Be With You"

God be with you till we meet again;
By His coun-sels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again

God be with you till we meet again;
'Neath His wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.

****Stand if you are able***

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WORSHIP LEADER:

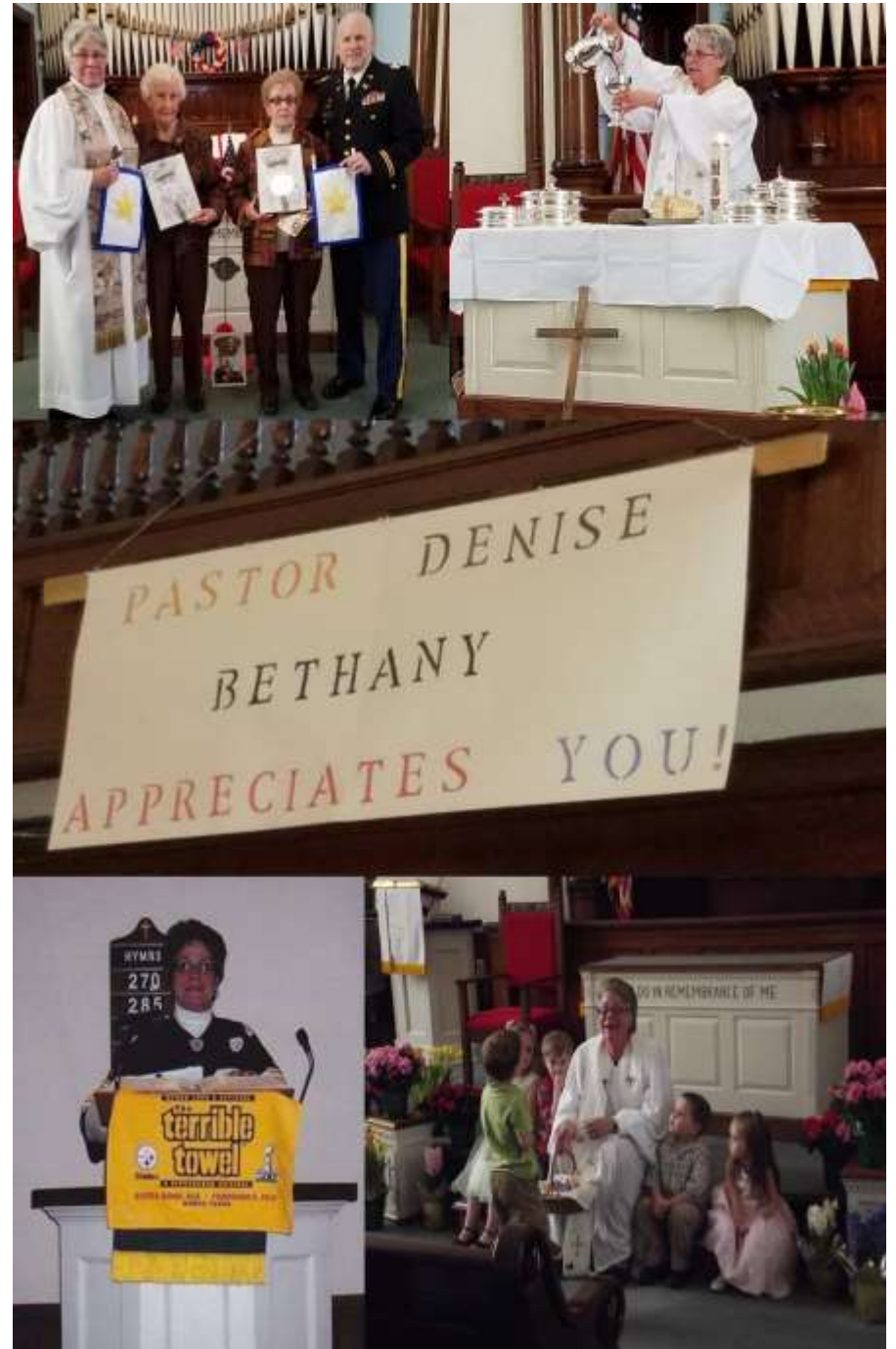
I...argue that the Cross be raised...at the centre of the market-place as well as in the steeple of the church....

Jesus was not crucified in a cathedral between two candles, but on a cross between two thieves; on the town garbage-heap; at a crossroad so cosmopolitan that they had to write his title in Hebrew and in Latin and in Greek;...at the kind of place where cynics talk smut, and thieves curse, and soldiers gamble.

Because that is where he dies. And that is what he dies about.

And that is where churchmen should be and what churchmanship

should be about.....George MacLeod, *Only One Way Left*



Offering: 08/18
Attendance: 13
Local 248.75
Benev. 16.25
Improv. 195.00
Total 460.00

Sunday August 25th
 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday September 1st
 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.



The Flowers and Bulletins Today are given as a thank you for Pastor Denise by Mike Whorl.

The Start Time for Morning Worship will change back to 10:30 a.m. starting Sunday September 8th. It will remain 10:30 a.m. until the Sunday before Memorial Day.

We Are Collecting donations of bottled water for the Johnstown Fire Dept. and West End Ambulance. You may donate packs of water or donate money to purchase packs of water. If making a monetary donation, please mark them and place them in the offering plate. We ask that all donations be dropped off by Sept. 15. Thank you in advance for your support.

The West End Food Pantry is still in need of staples to keep their shelves stocked during the summer months. Non-perishable food donations can be placed in the bins by the main entrance. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate. Thank you for your support.

Sign Ups For 2024 Lay Leaders and Flower/Bulletin Sponsorships are still being accepted. If you are interested, please see the back bulletin board for more information. You can also order flowers/bulletins on the church website.

Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Lois Henry	Nancy Thomas
Dawna Sheets	Dave & Karen Vivis
Jeanne Lehman	Joshua Holbay Family
Marie Whorl	Dominic Serratore
Bev Holbay	Loretta Davidson
Mark Todero	Irene Barefoot Bischof
Carl Newfield	Rodney Gramling
Beverly Rager	Bob Kinsey
Mikey Ferante	Randy Maurer
Jill Sheets	Edward Spinda
Betty Clemenson	Jim & Iva Jean
Pat Pecora	Jim Kuntz
Linda Orlidge	Dan Saylor
Frank Cassat	All Shut- Ins
JR Bilger	All in Nursing Homes
Linda Hayes	All First Responders
Missy DiPlacido	All Service Men & Women
Randy Browning	All Healthcare Professionals

To Place Announcements Or Concerns List Names in the bulletin contact Ed Sheets at 539-3495 or email at bethanyjtown@hotmail.com or contact Pastor Denise at 814-248-8174 or email her at datodero55@gmail.com.

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.

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