

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP
July 17th, 2022 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: God has called us to this place. What do you see?

P: We see people who model for us God's joyous embrace of all people.

L: God has brought us to this place. What do you hear?

P: We hear God's hope that we are able to see each person as our sister or brother.

L: God has challenged us to open our lives and hearts to others. What will you do?

P: We will do only one thing: welcome everyone in God's name!

HYMN "When Morning Gilds the Skies" #87

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

They are there in the Bible: men and women who are as weak, as foolish, as prone to sin as we are. Every page, every story reveals to us our brokenness. Yet every page, every story tells us of the One who longs to make us whole. Let us confess our sins, and clear the way for God's reconciling love to work within us. Please join me, as we pray,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

In the mirror we call scripture, Revealing God, we see ourselves for who we are and are not. We whine about those who are not doing what we think they should, and ignore our failings. We speak words which nibble away at the life in our family and friends. We step over the poor on our way to get more and more, ignoring their needs.

Forgive us, Reconciling Love. Sit us down at Jesus' feet, so we may learn the balanced life you intend for us. Then, and only then, we can set aside our grudges, to offer our gifts to our neighbors; we can stop licking at our hurts, to bring healing to others; we can reach out and welcome our sisters

and brothers, even as we have been welcomed into your heart through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Christ Jesus comes to reconcile us to God, so we can be reconciled to one another. Recreated in God's image, we are made whole.

P: When we are in Christ, everything becomes new. Our past is just that - our past!

L: Do you really believe this - that your past is done, and you are a new person? If so, go out and reflect it in your life.

P: Thanks be to God! We will go forth and live as reconciled people.

L: Friends, Believe the Good News

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

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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

Prayer of Dedication**

#625

Because we trust in your never-ending love, Gracious God, we offer not only our thanks, but our gifts, knowing that what you have done in the past – rescuing the lost, healing the broken, feeding the hungry, loving the poor – will continue to be accomplished through our gifts. Bless all that we offer to you, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Lesson Amos 8:1-12 p.795
New Testament Lesson Colossians 1:15-28 p.1026
Gospel Luke 10:38-42 p.903

MESSAGE Denise Ann Todero, CP

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" #382

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 "Abide With Me" #419

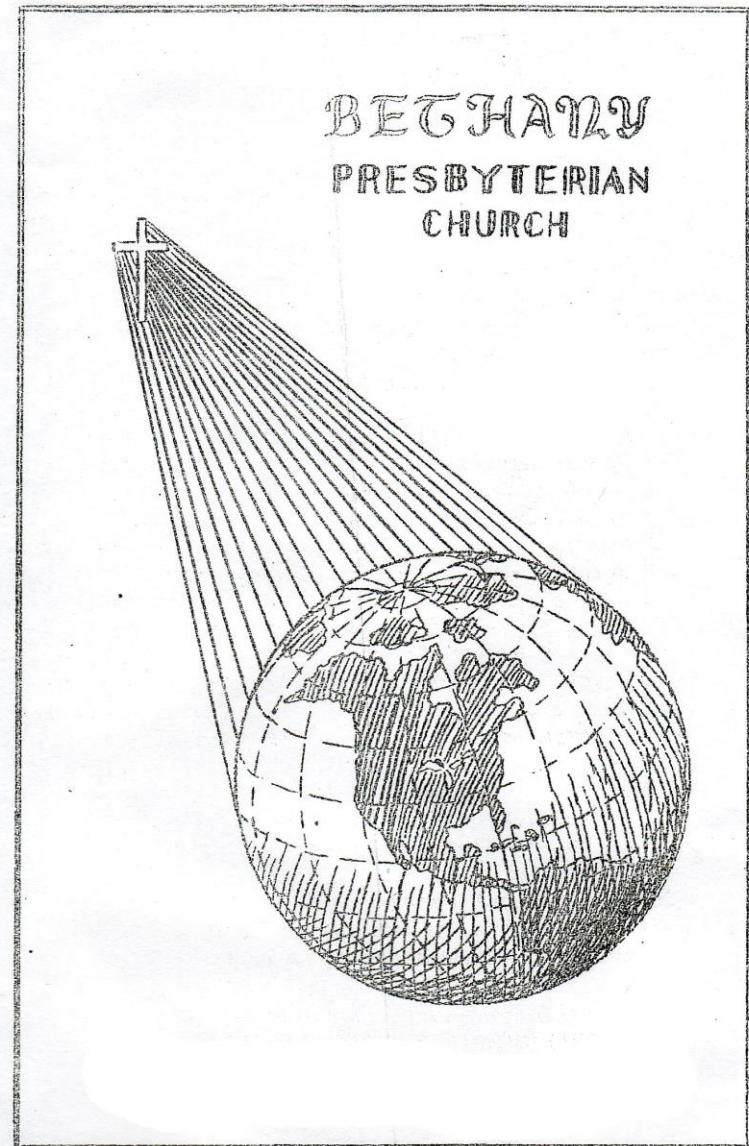
BENEDICTION/SENDING**

L: God sends us from this place, with our eyes wide open.
P: May we see all who hope for healing and for justice.
L: Jesus calls us to leave this place to go to listen.
**P: We will hear the cries of those ignored by the world;
we will open ourselves to the anguish of those around us.**
L: The Spirit challenges us to welcome everyone as our sister and brother.
P: May we offer our lives and hearts to all we meet.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace"

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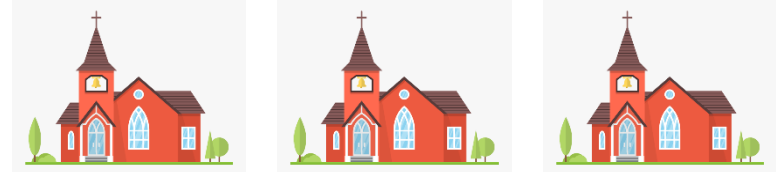
ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger
COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER: Denise Ann Todero
WORSHIP LEADER: Brenda Molnar



Offering: 07/10
Attendance: 19
Local 1151.70
Benev. 79.75
Improv. 62.55
Total 1299.00

Sunday July 17th
 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday July 24th
 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.



Items For The Newsletter are due by August 14th. Items can be placed in the offering plate or emailed to Ed Sheets.

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
Harry Thiel	Susie Keefer
Lois Henry	Chloe Kern
Dawna Sheets	Jim Kuntz
Buzz & Jeanne Lehman	Tyler & Julie Kalp
Bob & Marie Whorl	Linda Hayes
Bev Holbay	Mike Whorl
Wendy Manges	David Varner
Mark Todero	Jim Golby
Diane Brewer	Loretta Richardson
The Todero Family	All Shut- Ins
Shirley Gavazoni	All in Nursing Homes
Linda & Richard Oaks	All First Responders
David Vivis	All Service Men & Women
Dick Brewer	All Healthcare Professionals
Loretta Davidson	

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