Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA MORNING WORSHIP October 10th, 2021 Proper 23

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We look in the mirror and what do we see?

P: We see people who try to be faithful, even as questions and struggles challenge our faith.

L: We look in the mirror and how do we see?

P: We see with hearts which are open to God's love, with lives which seek to trust when all the evidence tells us not to be so foolish.

L: We look in the mirror and who do we see?

P: We see Jesus, the One who struggles with the questions we raise, who models faithfulness for all who would follow.

HYMN "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" #108

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

L: Let us willingly embrace that which we believe is true - we can come to the seat of grace, bringing our prayers of confession to the One who is filled to overflowing with mercy and hope. Join me as we pray together,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: We stand before you, Saving God, stripped of our pretensions and pride, for nothing we do or say, or do not, can be hidden from you. You hear the angry words we preach to ourselves; you sift through the rubble of hurts we have caused; you see how we stumble, weighed down by all that 'stuff' which keeps us from following Jesus.

We stand before you, Holy Grace. As you empty our hands of that wealth of unneeded things we cling so tightly to, fill them with your grace and hope. As we let go of all which might hold us back, give us the trust to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into that life with which he offers to each of us.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Hear the good news! Because God loves us, we lack for nothing; because God forgives us, we have everything we need; because God surrounds us with sisters and brothers, we do not journey alone.

P: Committing everything to God, trusting in the One who redeems us, we decide to live as God's faithful and forgiven people.

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 a virtual hug or handshake or wave saying "The peace of Christ be with you")

REDEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Offertory

Doxology #625

Prayer of Dedication**

When we look in the mirror, may we see our sisters and brothers in need - the lonely, the hungry, the searching, the aching. And as we see them, we pray that these gifts we offer may be used to bring them food, hope, companionship, and healing. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading	Job 23:1-9; 16-17	p.449
Second Reading	Hebrews 4: 12-16	p.1046
Gospel Reading	Mark 10:17-31	p.878

Message Elder John Norris

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Apostle's Creed

HYMN "Living for Jesus" vs 1&3 #372

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: Go forth as God's people to serve those around us.

P: We will honor each person as if they were our family.

L: Go forth as sisters and brothers of Jesus.

P: We will share the gifts of grace and hope with everyone we meet.

L: Go forth as those strengthened by the Spirit.

P: We will stand with others searching for God's justice in their lives.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

"God Be With You"

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.

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WORSHIP LEADER: Tina Varner

We are saved by Christ to be saviors of others.
......Robert Menzies

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We all long for heaven where God is, but we have it in our power to be in heaven with Him right now—to be happy with Him at this very moment. But being happy with Him now means: loving as He loves, helping as He helps, giving as He gives, serving as He serves, rescuing as He rescues, being with Him for all the twenty-four hours, touching Him in His distressing disguise.

.....Mother Teresa



Offering: 10/03	Sunday October 10th
Attendance: 18	Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Local 731.4	5
Benev. 50.6	Sunday October 17th
Improv. 42.9	0 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Roof Fund 20.0	<u>0</u>
Total 845.0	0

The Flowers and Bulletins today are given by Mike Whorl in memory of his friend Mark Barbaric.

Items For The Newsletter are due by October 24th. This edition will cover November and December. Submissions can be placed in the offering plate or emailed to Ed Sheets.

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 during the summer months.

Flower and Bulletin Sponsorships are available for all Sundays in 2021. The cost to sponsor flowers for a week is \$25 and the cost to sponsor the bulletin for a week is \$10. If you sponsor both the flowers and bulletin for a week the cost is \$30. Sign up on the back bulletin board at the church or by clicking the link on the church website.



Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers		
Pastor Denise	Chloe Kern	
Don Bennett	Ruby Porch	
Phyllis Pfuhl	Christine Paratore	
Harry Thiel	David Hayduk	
Lois Henry	Mary Findley	
Ray & Dawna Sheets	Jessie Rager	
Al & Linda Hockenberry	Susie Keefer	
Buzz & Jeanne Lehman	Shari Pavic	
Bob & Marie Whorl	Jim Kuntz	
Bev Holbay	All Shut- Ins	
Nora Dixon	All in Nursing Homes	
Mark Todero	All First Responders	
Bob & Kathy Wilks	All Service Men & Women	
The Family of Keith Martin	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 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.

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