



Happy Independence Day Weekend!

Bethany Presbyterian Church
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MORNING WORSHIP
July 3rd, 2016 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Sing praises to our Lord:

P: who heals us and makes us whole.

L: Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God:

P: whose joy rises in our lives each and every day.

L: Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God; give thanks to God's holy name:

P: God's Kingdom is near to us; God's peace resides in our hearts.

***HYMN "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" #571**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION*

L: Unlike ours, God's anger does not last. But God's favor, God's grace, God's forgiveness are for us, not just in this moment, but forever. How can we not want to confess to such a One who is ready to heal us? Please join me as we pray, saying,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

P: Holy One, why is it that we can grow so weary of doing what is right, yet always energetically do that which we know is harmful to us and others? We sow seeds of hurt and anger, and wonder why we harvest so much bitterness. We spend too much time comparing ourselves to those around us, and too few moments in following Christ's example.

Rather than letting our sins gloat over us, Healing God, we would open ourselves to your mercy and grace. As you reach out to heal us with your forgiveness, may embrace your love, your mercy, your grace for our lives. As you pour out your Spirit of gentleness, may we bring the peace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to all the world.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L:....Friends, Believe the Good News

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

***GLORIA PATRI**

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CHURCH NEWS

RECOGNITION AND COMMISSIONING OF GRADUATES

***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**

#625

***Prayer of Dedication**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

First Lesson	2 Kings 5:1-14	p.323
Second Lesson	Galatians 6:7-16	p.1015
Gospel Lesson	Luke 10:1-11,16-20	p.901

MESSAGE

Denise Ann Todero, CRE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

***HYMN "America, The Beautiful" #572**

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

(All believers are welcome to celebrate Holy Communion.)

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: May the God of freedom be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Children of God, lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them to the One who sets us free
for lives of service and hope.**

L: God's children: let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P: We will sing our songs of freedom to the One who calls us to
new life.**

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread

(Please hold the elements until all have been served.)

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

***HYMN "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #286**

***BENEDICTION/SENDING**

L: Let us never grow weary of doing what is right!

P: We will go to seek justice for all of God's children.

L: Let us not grow weary of leading others to the kingdom!

P: We will go to follow Jesus' example of gathering all into grace.

L: Let us not grow weary of speaking of hope and peace.

P: We will go to sow the Spirit's seed of life and hope.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace"**

(printed on the inside back cover of the Hymnal)

****Those who are able please stand.***

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