

**Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA**  
**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 2nd Sunday in Lent**

**Lenten Candle Lighting Liturgy: Earth**

**CALL TO WORSHIP\*\***

L: Lent calls us to journey, this and every day, following Jesus wherever he leads us.

**P: Lent calls us to journey: to the place where God covenants with us, to receive the new names we are given.**

L: Lent calls us to worship together, to tell future generations the good news.

**P: Lent calls us to practice justice, to bring God's hope to all people.**

L: Lent calls us to faithful living, to trust the One who gives us life.

**P: Lent calls each of us to take up our cross, to trust the One who bears it with us.**

L: Lent calls us to journey with God.

**P: Let us worship God, who walks with us, this and every day.**

**HYMN "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" #59**

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION\*\***

L: Given a test on our faith, would we have a passing grade? Looking at our lives of discipleship, would we be considered good models for others? When we fail to trust God, we discover that we do indeed lead barren lives. Let us be honest as we stand before our God, and bring our confessions for forgiveness and hope.

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

**ALL: God of Sarah and Abraham, in this holy place, we know how weak is our discipleship. We can spend hours at the computer, but only give you fleeting moments of our time. We can talk endlessly on our cell phones, but fall silent when it comes to sharing our fears, our worries, our hopes with you. We seek quick fixes for our problems, rather than seeking your vision and future for our lives.**

**God of Peter, Paul, and the psalmist, forgive us:  
for our lack of trust;  
for our faithless living;  
for our closing our ears to the call of Jesus.**

**Forgive us, so we may lay aside all the keeps us from you, so we may take up the life you offer to us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

**SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*\***

L: This is the good news: God does not go back on the promises made so long ago. God does not reject us, God redeems us. God does not withhold love, God pours it into our barren lives.

**P: Forgiven of our sins, filled with hope, living in relationship with God and one another - we are a new 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 by saying, "The Peace of Christ be With You.")

**REDEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE**

**Offertory**

**Doxology**

**#625**

**Prayer of Dedication\*\***

May these gifts represent our willingness to deny ourselves, so others might be blessed by your grace, your peace, as well as your hope, in every moment of their lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament Lesson    Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16    p.12  
New Testament Lesson    Romans 4:13-25    p.980  
Gospel Lesson    Mark 8: 31-38    p.875

MESSAGE    Denise Ann Todero, CP

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostle’s Creed

HYMN    “Lift High the Cross”    #304

## 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    “Nearer My God to Thee”    #393

## BENEDICTION/SENDING\*\*

L: Go now with God, on your journey through Lent.

**P: We will discover the new name given to each one we meet.**

L: Go now with Jesus, walking wherever he leads.

**P: We will put all our fears, as well as our longings, behind us.**

L: Go now with the Spirit, who is always full of surprises.

**P: We will share the good news called Jesus with everyone.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE    “God Be with You” #602

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***Lenten Candle Lighting Liturgy- Rev. Mindi***

**ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger**

**COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER: Denise Ann Todero**

**WORSHIP LEADER: Lily Vozsnyak**



**Offering: 2/18**  
**Attendance: 16**  
**Local 314.75**  
**Benev. 21.80**  
**Improv. 18.45**  
**First Fruits 35.00**  
**Mem. Fund 200.00**  
**Total 590.00**

**Sunday February 25th**  
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday March 3rd**  
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.



**Orders** are now being accepted for Easter Flowers. Please use the form in your bulletin to order. The deadline for orders is Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>. Orders and payment can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church.

**First Fruits (Per Capita)** for 2024 is \$44 per member. Please use the special envelope provided with your offering envelopes or mark the donation First Fruits when placing it in the offering plate.

**Sign Ups For 2024** Lay Leaders and Flower/Bulletin Sponsorships are now 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.

<b>Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...</b>	
Lois Henry	Linda Hayes
Dawna Sheets	Nancy Thomas
Jeanne Lehman	Rich Horner
Marie Whorl	Bob & Judy Varner
Bev Holbay	Dave & Karen Vivis
Lena Azzoli	Chuck Schmidt
Mark Todero	Joshua Holbay Family
Carl Newfield	Samuel Holbay
Jim Sellers	Loretta Davidson
Beverly Rager	Irene Barefoot Bischof
Mikey Ferante	Rodney Gramling
Jill Sheets	All Shut- Ins
Betty Clemenson	All in Nursing Homes
Pat Pecora	All First Responders
Richard Holbay	All Service Men & Women
	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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NAME:

# of Tulips \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 Each

# of Hyacinths \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 Each

# of Lilies \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.00 Each

IN MEMORY OF:

IN HONOR OF:

OTHER:

GIVEN BY: