

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
June 23rd, 2024 5th Sunday After Pentecost

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We gather in this place to worship our God:

P: calm Presence in our times of confusion, Comforter in our nights of struggle.

L: We gather with fellow pilgrims, as we seek to follow Jesus:

P: Brother to those swamped by fears, Friend to all overwhelmed by loss.

L: We are brought together by the Spirit who lives in the depths of our souls:

P: the Serenity who travels with us on this up-and-down journey we call life.

***HYMN "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" #575**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION*

We let fears control us, we let doubt become the way of life for us. If we but look, we will see our lives, and our world, cradled in God's loving hands. Let us confess our lack of faith, even as we trust the One who has promised to listen to our words, as well as our hearts. Join me as we confess together, saying,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

They can be such giants in our lives, God of Grace. Each day, our fears, our doubts, our worries wash over us, until we come to believe that you do not care for us. There seems to be so much wrong in the world, we are convinced that there is nothing good we can do. The storms of sin and temptation batter at us, and we cower, unable to find the faith to withstand them.

Forgive us. God of Hope. Remind us that if we but open our hearts, you will heal us. If we but listen to your words, we will hear peace and joy. If we but open our lives to you, we can go forth to serve our sisters and brothers, even as we have been served by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

L: With calming words, with a peaceful Spirit, with overflowing love and hope, our God forgives us and fills us with faith.

P: Our God affirms us for who we are - those whose brokenness is made whole, whose sin is forgiven, whose lives overflow with faith.

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**

Now is the acceptable time to offer our gifts to you, Holy God. Now is the time to pray that they may be used to remove any obstacles which keep others from knowing your grace, experiencing your healing, or being filled with your hope. Now is the time to give thanks for your blessings, praying they will be used to bless others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Lesson 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5,10-16 p.250

New Testament Lesson 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 p.1006

Gospel Lesson Mark 4:35-41 p.871

Message Denise Ann Todero, CP

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostle's Creed**

***HYMN "The Solid Rock" #404**

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 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" #410**

BENEDICTION/SENDING*

L: Go now into a world beset by storms of worries and fears.

**P: Let us go to the far side of despair,
bringing God's hope to all huddled on that shore.**

L: Go now into all the places where people are afraid.

**P: Let us set out from the shore of our comfortable lives,
bringing the good news of Jesus' grace to all.**

L: Go now to the distant shores torn apart by violence and oppression.

**P: Let us set out with the Spirit as our guide,
crying out to all, "Peace! Be still, wars and terrors!"**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

"God Be With You" #602

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

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All Hymns from the Presbyterian Hymnal

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COMMISSIONED PASTOR: Denise Ann Todero

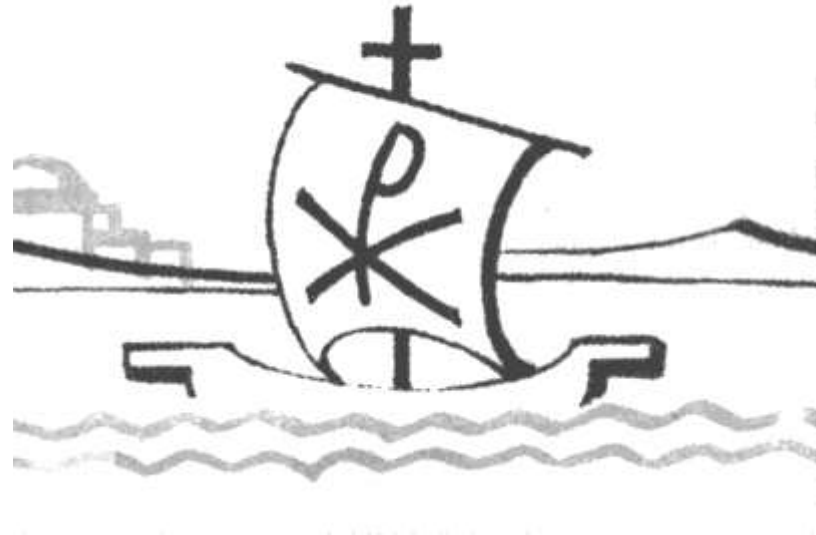
WORSHIP LEADER: Brandi Vozsnyak

***When we are tempted to be discouraged,
we need to remember that it's not the size of our faith,
but the immensity of God's power that makes the difference.
Christ lifts our inverted attention off our own insufficient faith to
the immensity of God's resources for growth and change.
All we are to do is plant the seed and leave the results to God.
.....Lloyd John Ogilvie***

Peace. Be still!

***Who then is this,
that even the wind and the sea obey
Him?***

Mark 4:39 & 41



**Bethany Presbyterian Church
Blaine Street at Chandler Avenue
Johnstown, PA**

Offering: 06/16
Attendance: 13
Local 314.75
Benev. 21.80
Improv. 18.45
Total 355.00

Sunday June 23rd
 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday June 30th
 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.



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.

Ed Sheets is in need of small shipping boxes (ex: Amazon boxes). If you have some you would like to get rid of, they can be placed on the table in the adult Sunday School Room across from the Memorial Parlor. Thank you for your assistance!

The Christian Home of Johnstown will hold its “Fore Kids” Great Golf Ball Drop on Saturday August 10th at The Highlands @ North Fork. Tickets are \$5 each and more information can be found on the bulletin board by the Blaine St. entrance or by visiting www.CHJcares.org.

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.

Pine Springs Camp has a variety of programs and camping options. For more information, visit www.pinesprings.org or search for Pine Springs Camp on Facebook.

Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Lois Henry	Nancy Thomas
Dawna Sheets	Rich Horner
Jeanne Lehman	Dave & Karen Vivis
Marie Whorl	Chuck Schmidt
Bev Holbay	Joshua Holbay Family
Mark Todero	Dominic Serratore
Carl Newfield	Loretta Davidson
Beverly Rager	Irene Barefoot Bischof
Mikey Ferante	Rodney Gramling
Jill Sheets	Gary Lichtenfels
Betty Clemenson	Bob Kinsey
Pat Pecora	Randy Maurer
Linda Orlidge	Stephen Yuhas
Frank Cassat	All Shut- Ins
JR Bilger	All in Nursing Homes
Linda Hayes	All First Responders
Lena Azzoli	All Service Men & Women
Missy DiPlacido	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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