



Bethany Presbyterian Church

Blaine Street & Chandler Avenue

Johnstown, PA 15906

Morning Worship Bulletin- August 20, 2017

10:30 a.m.

**MORNING WORSHIP**

**Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA**  
**August 20th, 2017      20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**CALL TO WORSHIP \*\***

L: In the gathering of school supplies, in the harvesting of backyard gardens:

**P: God blesses us beyond imagination.**

L: In the simple acts of daily chores, in the kindness shared by a stranger:

**P: God is gracious to us.**

L: In the rapture of a child watch a firefly, in the inquisitive look of a senior wondering where they left their keys:

**P: God's face shines upon us.**

L: We praise you, O God!

**P: We praise you!**

**\*HYMN "Onward Christian Soldiers"**

**#479**

**\*CALL TO RECONCILIATION\*\***

L: We may praise God, but we prefer to live our way, becoming captive to our foolish choices. But God longs to set us free, so let us confess to our God, as we pray together, saying,

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

**In every opportunity, God of this day, we choose not to follow you. From our hearts to our mouths flow words that hurt others, come thoughts that lead us away from you. We are richly blessed, but think others should be grateful for the crumbs we offer to them. Our claims to have great faith are disputed by our inability to trust you in all things.**

**We come to you, Helper of the weak, for you are gracious and forgiving. You offer us the fullness of your love, not just a few dollops. You refuse to let us go, but sweep us up with arms of joy. You send Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to lead us into your kingdom.**

## **\*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: I ask you, has God rejected us?

**P: No! By God's grace, God's gifts and God's calling are never taken back.**

L: I ask you, again, has God rejected us?

**P: No! That Love we know as God will never let us go.**

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**

## **LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

<b>First Lesson</b>	<b>Genesis 45:1-15</b>	<b>p.40</b>
<b>Second Lesson</b>	<b>Romans 11-1-2a, 29-32</b>	<b>p.985</b>
<b>Gospel Lesson</b>	<b>Matthew 15:10-28</b>	<b>p.849</b>

**MESSAGE "Joining the Army of God"      Pastor John Manges**

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**The Apostle's Creed**

## **\*HYMN**

**"Living For Jesus"**

**#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**

**\*HYMN "O Jesus I Have Promised" #369**

### **\*BENEDICTION/SENDING\*\***

L: Now go, to serve as God's people.

**P: We will work to remove all that divides us from others.**

L: Now go, to share the grace of Jesus.

**P: We will love others just as we are loved.**

L: Now go, to be the Spirit's community.

**P: We will invite everyone to join us in this life of faith and service.**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

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

***\*\* Rev. Thom Shuman ©***

**ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger**

**COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER: Denise Ann Todero**

**WORSHIP LEADER: Karen Soliday**

Cold words freeze people  
and hot words scorch them,  
and bitter words make them bitter,  
and wrathful words make them wrathful.  
Kind words also produce their image on men's souls;  
and a beautiful image it is.  
They smooth, and quiet, and comfort the hearer.  
Blaise Pascal

I have a great need for Christ;  
I have a great Christ for my need.  
Charles H. Spurgeon

**Offering: 8/13**  
**Attendance: 25**

**Sunday August 20th**  
Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

<b>Local</b>	<b>589.55</b>
<b>Benev.</b>	<b>40.85</b>
<b>Improv.</b>	<b>34.60</b>
<b>Roof</b>	<b><u>50.00</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>715.00</b>

**Sunday August 27th**  
Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

**The West End Food Pantry** is always in need of non-perishable food items and cleaning supplies (dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels, etc.). Donations can be placed in the bins near the Blaine Street entrance. Thank you for your support.

**Volunteers are needed** to setup for communion for both services on December 24th. If you are interested, please sign up on the back bulletin board and see Jeanne Lehman with any questions.

**Mark Your Calendars!** The annual Combined Churches Picnic will be held today at the 1889 Park in St. Michael. We will be located at Pavilion 3 (3rd one down the road). Bathrooms are located close to the pavilion. Vespers will be at 4:30 p.m. before dinner. We will be playing bingo before Vespers. If you would like to donate a prize(s) for bingo, please bring it with you to the picnic.



<b>Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...</b>	
Don Bennett	Bill & Patty Gramling
Michael Robert Rose III	Bill Kegg
Darlene Rager	Justin Korenoski
Phyllis Pfuhl	Kathy & Robert Wilks
Harry & Lillian Thiel	Logan Weaver
Lois Henry	Larry Holbay
Melinda Mendoza	George Hockenberry
Jim Runkle Sr.	Lilyana Newfield
Katherine Minahan	Sharon Weaver
The Fockler Family	Melissa Zeisman
Jack Forsha	Elizabeth Kern
Olivia & Patrick Bragdon	Wanda Keifer
Dick Dunkle	John & Cindy Griffin
Lenore Runkle	Rose Marie Oravetz
Andrew Mayak	Charles Molnar
Andy Serafin	Ina Miller
William Ribblett	Carol Flynn
Ken Bilger	Jane (Barefoot) Volscko
Francine Calpin	Mary Katherine Brouse
Jennie Williams	All Shut- Ins
Bill Shroyer	All in Nursing Homes
Diann Makin	All Service Men & Women
Mark Rager	

**To Place Announcements Or Concerns List Names** in the bulletin contact Ed Sheets at 539-3495 or email at [esheets91@hotmail.com](mailto:esheets91@hotmail.com) or contact Pastor Denise at 479-2382 or email her at [datodero@atlanticbb.net](mailto: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.