

Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP
July 3rd, 2022 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" (vs. 1&4) #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: Sing praises to our God, faithful children. God has heard our prayers and made us whole.

P: We will not be silent, but will sing our joy to the One who has forgiven us and made us a new creation.

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**

In the offering of our gifts, as well as the living of our days, may we not grow weary of doing what is right, but commit to speaking up for the voiceless, healing the broken, feeding the hungry, and all those mercies which are such a part of your heart and hopes for all your children. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

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, CP

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

HYMN "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" (vs. 1&4) #575

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: 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

"America, the Beautiful"

#572

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***What would happen in the national consensus
if these nine words came to mind
when you said the word "Christian":***

***love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control?***

Philip Yancey, I Was Just Wondering



“It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.” –John Adams

"Independence now and forever!" –Daniel Webster