

Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown
MORNING WORSHIP
August 7th, 2022 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We are people who have been called to follow where God leads us.

P: By faith we can obey, even when asked to walk into an unknown future.

L: We are people who have been challenged to tell God's story to others.

P: By faith we have the ability to share the good news.

L: We are God's children who are invited to feast at the Table of grace.

P: By faith we will embrace our sisters and brothers in Christ.

HYMN "All Things Bright and Beautiful" #578

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

L: We would like to keep our sins hidden and our failures a secret. But God would not have us keep silent, but speak our confessions out loud, so we may be blessed with God's mercy and grace. I invite you to pray with me, saying,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

You have a vision of all people as your beloved children, Imaginative God, but we see folks whose language, dress, and skin make them different. You have a vision of a universe filled with goodness and beauty, and we damage it with litter, with violence, with poor choices. You have a vision of a Table where we can feast on your grace and hope, but we line up at the fast food counters of sin and greed. Forgive us, as we confess that we are not "insiders" but immigrants searching for our true home. You love us enough to want us to be with you forever, so may we take the hand of our Lord and Savior, who leads us into your kingdom.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: There is nothing to fear. God's hope is more tenacious than our despair; God's joy is more resilient than our grief; God's love is more compelling than our hate.

P: By grace, we are gathered to God. By faith, we rest in God's promises of forgiveness and restoration.

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**

It is by faith that you bless us, hopeful God. So, it is by faith that we offer back to you a portion of what we have and who we are, trusting that you will take these gifts and use them in the work of that kingdom of justice and hope, of grace and wonder, which is yours. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20	p.587
New Testament	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	p.1050
Gospel	Luke 12:32-40	p.905

MESSAGE

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From Ephesians, chapter 2)
God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ....for by grace we have been saved through faith: and this is not our own doing, it is the gift of God - not because of works, lest any one should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Amen

HYMN "The Solid Rock" vs. 1&4 #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

BENEDICTION/SENDING**

L: By faith, let us go out as God's people.

P: We will gather others around us and dance into God's kingdom.

L: By faith, let us go to follow Jesus to serve with compassion and grace.

P: We will share the good news of hope and peace with everyone we meet.

L: By faith, let us go to join the Holy Spirit in welcoming all of God's children.

P: We will add as many chairs as are needed, so all may feast on God's love.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "May the Lord"

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