

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP
June 9th, 2024 3rd Sunday After Pentecost

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: On this day, we gather with thanksgiving in our hearts.

P: For God's love is ever constant in our lives.

L: On this day, we would talk of all that is ours.

P: Grace upon grace has been poured into our lives.

L: On this day, we would speak of what we believe.

P: We will sing glad songs for all that God has done.

***HYMN "All Creatures of Our God and King" #64
(vs 1 and 5)**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION*

L: We know what it is like to be rejected, but we also remember turning our backs on others. We have experienced conflict, as well as caused pain to others. Let us confess our foolish lives to the One who seeks to forgive us on this day, and every day.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

ALL: Everybody else does it, Watching God, and we confess that we do as well. We listen to those whose promises are sold to the highest bidder. We idolize celebrities as if they were teachers of ethics. We long for that one person who will make everything right, once again, once and for all. Is it any wonder we are a disappointed people, God of Hope? Forgive us for turning our backs on you, even as you continue to stretch out your arms to us. Forgive us for trusting in those who prove to be false, rather than having faith in your love. Forgive us, and fill us with the spirit of faith which is given to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

L: Do not lose heart! God seeks to strengthen our souls, filling us with forgiveness, wonder, and joy!

P: Glory to you, God of mercy and grace. You want only the best for us, and so we sing praises to you.

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*

We believe, and so we will speak. We speak, and so we will live. We will live, and so we will be generous, because we know that, by your grace, these gifts we offer will extend hope, peace, and life to more and more people. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Lesson	1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20	p.239
New Testament Lesson	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	p.1006
Gospel Lesson	Mark 3:20-35	p.869

Message Denise Ann Todero, CP

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

***HYMN "Trust and Obey"(vs 1,2 and 3) #349**

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 "Blessed Assurance" #345**

BENEDICTION/SENDING*

L: On this day, let us leave with thanksgiving in our hearts,

P: going to share God's love with everyone we meet.

L: On this day, let us go to speak of what Jesus has done,

P: pouring grace upon grace into all the lives around us.

L: On this day, let us go to share what we believe,

P: singing glad songs of the Spirit to our silenced world.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "God Be With You" #602**

**Those who are able please stand.*

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**God asks only one thing of you: that you dethrone the
creaturely self and let Him be God in you.**

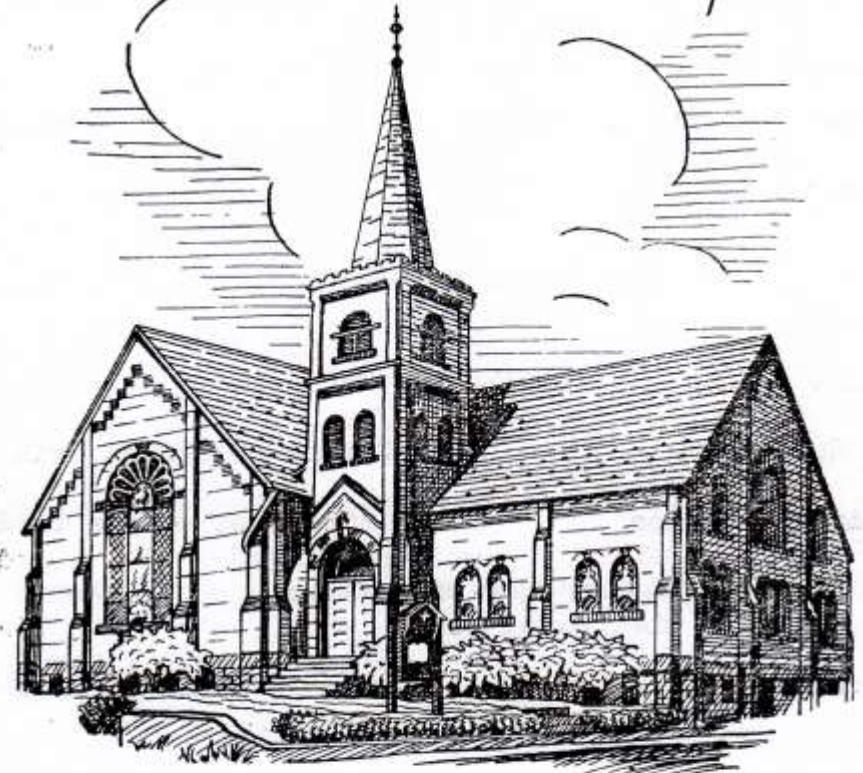
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**At a meeting of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Bobby
Richardson, former New York Yankee second baseman,
offered a prayer that is a classic in brevity and poignancy:**

**"Dear God,
Your will,
nothing more,
nothing less,
nothing else.
Amen."**

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