

Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP
July 31, 2022 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: God of the past who whispered in the prophets' ears; who rescued us from sin's slavery:

P: we are here to thank you.

L: God of the future, who is tearing down the old world, and building your kingdom in our midst:

P: we are here because we trust you.

L: God of the present who, in the giftedness of our diversity, creates us to be one people:

P: we are here to praise you.

L: God of life that surprises us when we find it within us:

P: we celebrate your grace.

HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" vs 1&4 #8

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

When we could be revived by God's grace, we find ourselves fearing God's judgment, doubting God's joy in us, worrying that God has turned away from us. Let us come to the One who heals us and calls each of us by name. Please join me as we pray,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

You hold nothing back from us, Amazing God, yet we are determined to cling to what we have accumulated. We spend so much time eating out, we cannot feel the deep ache our hunger for you causes. You invite us to set aside our old ways, and walk with you, but unknown paths fill us with fear.

Have mercy on us, Bread of Heaven. We come to the Table of grace and hope, not for our personal satisfaction, but for the joy of recognizing the One who calls us to new life, and for the grace to share this joy with everyone we meet. This we pray in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Do not be afraid. More than anything else, God would rather turn fetid swamps into pools of crystal clear water; bonds of sin into cords of compassion; sinners into servants.

P: God loves us. God forgives us. God lifts us to new life. Thanks be to God.

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

Prayer of Dedication**

#625

We offer not only our gifts, Compassionate God, but our time, so we might spend more moments with the lonely; our words, so the voiceless might be healed; our hands, that the hungry might be fed; our hearts, so that the rejected might find a home. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Lesson

Hosea 11: 1-11

p.782

Gospel Lesson

Luke 12:13-21

p.905

MESSAGE

"What Would You Do With Another Minute?"

Rev. Cynthia Cadenhead

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

HYMN "Blessed Assurance"

#345

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**

L: Let us go with God to offer life to those around us.

P: We will gather up the broken to offer them healing.

L: Let us go with Jesus to wrap people in hope.

P: We will reach out to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless.

L: Let us go with the Spirit to love all those in our midst who have been forgotten.

P: We will take them in our arms and welcome them to our hearts.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace"

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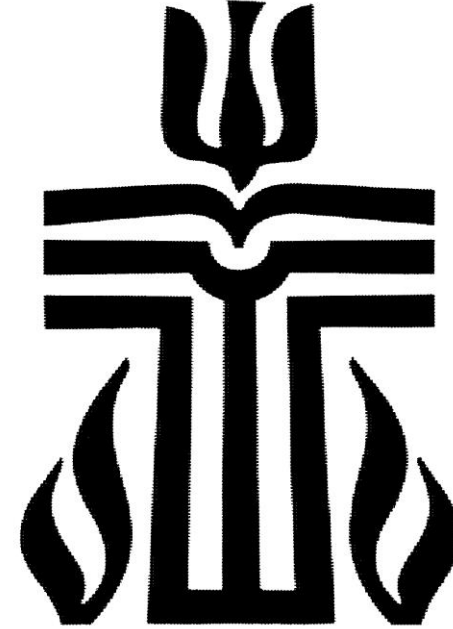
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*It's good to have money and the things that money can buy,
but it's good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure
you haven't lost the things that money can't buy.*

.....*George Horace Lorimer*



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