

Bethany Presbyterian Church Blaine Street at Chandler Avenue Johnstown, PA

Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA Morning Worship June 9th, 2019 Pentecost

CALL TO WORSHIP** (Litany for Pentecost)

L: Come, Spark of justice:

P: enliven our passion for those who are imprisoned behind

bars and fears; those held captive by prejudices and poverty. L: Come, Shelter for life:

P: calm us when our worries toss and turn us in the night; comfort us when hurtful words silence all around us.

L: Come, Advocate of the oppressed:

P: tear down the walls of acquiescing silence which keep us from hearing our neighbors; build bridges across the widening chasms of our rampant isolationism.

L:Come, Shimmer of mystery:

P: open our eyes to the sign language of love share by all creation; teach us the dance steps you gave to the dolphins and whales.

L: Come, Quencher of thirst souls; come, Word known in every language; come, Baker of the bread of hope.

*HYMN "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" #316

*CALL TO RECONCILIATION **

L: In a cult of the individual, we forget we are created to be in community. In a world which tells us it is all up to us, we overlook Jesus' promise that we are not left alone, but gifted with the Spirit of hope, peace, and joy. Let us confess our lives to our God, who will make us one in grace and wonder. Join together, as we pray saying,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

ALL: Spirit of life, we confess that our fears drive us into the shadowed places of our lives. We pull the shutters of sin tight, to close out the light of your love. We slide the deadbolt crafted out of our doubts, turn the key to lock us away from your searching grace. We fall silent as we hear the footfalls of your hope just outside the door of our hearts.

But you will not remain at arm's length from us, Spirit of cleansing. You rush in to sweep away our worries, replacing them with wonder. You dance in our cold hearts until they ignite in love for everyone around us. You offer oldsters visions of hope, and youngsters dreams of peace for a broken world. May we be as faithful in our believing, and in our living, as was Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

L: You fill the universes with wonder, populate the seas with great creatures, and you whisper the words of mercy for which your children yearn.

P: In our own hearts, we hear the words of grace, forgiveness, and hope which we need in every moment.

L: Friends, Believe the Good News

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

*GLORIA PATRI

#579

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 #592 *Prayer of Dedication**

We find it so easy to keep our resources locked away in the rooms of our worries about the future. So rush in with your Spirit of gratitude, Holy God, and anoint us with visions of communities where the hungry are fed, the lonely are loved, and brokenness is healed by the gifts we offer in this moment. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURESFirst LessonActs 2:1-21Second Lesson Romans 8:14-17p. 983Gospel Lesson John 14:8-17(25-27)p.938

MESSAGE	Denise Ann Todero, CP
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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

L: We believe in God:

P: Creator of all that has been made. The Parent of the whole creation.

L: We believe in God:

P: Savior of all that has fallen. The Restorer of our broken world.

L: We believe in God:

P: The Life of all that lives. The Love that binds all things together in the family of God. Amen.

*HYMN "Open My Eyes That I May See" #324

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.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (Bulletin Insert)

*HYMN "Spirit of the Living God" (sing twice) #322

*BENEDICTION/SENDING**

L: Gathered in this place, let us now scatter,

P: to go into the world with a rush to share God's grace with everyone we meet.

L: Having heard the prayer uttered for us, let us go to live it out,

P: believing that Jesus is with us, as we bring the fresh breath of hope to others.

L: Having been touched with the Spirit's peace, let us go to bring it into our communities,

P: to bring calm to every trembling heart, to offer light to those in life's shadows.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "May The Lord" *Those who are able please stand. **© Rev. Thom Shuman ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger COMMISSIONED PASTOR: Denise Ann Todero WORSHIP LEADER:

 Offering: 6/2

 Attendance: 12

 Local
 990.30

 Benev.
 68.60

 Improv.
 58.10

 Total
 1117.00

Sunday June 9th Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. Pentecost Sunday

Sunday June 16th Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

The Flowers and Bulletins Today are given by the Whorl Family.

Session will meet after Morning Worship on Sunday June 16th.

Items for the Newsletter are due by June 30th. Please give or email all items to Ed Sheets.

We are honoring graduates in the next edition of the newsletter. If you have a family member who has recently graduated or is getting ready to graduate and you want to honor them, please fill out a form on the back table and put it in the offering plate by June 23rd.

Flower and Bulletin Sponsorships are available for 2019. If you would like to sign up for one or both for a week, sign up on the bulletin board or visit <u>www.bethanyjohnstown.com</u>.



Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers	
Don Bennett	The Holbay Family
Michael Robert Rose III	Sharon Weaver
Darlene Rager	Elizabeth Kern
Phyllis Pfuhl	John Griffin
Harry & Lillian Thiel	Rachael Wilks
Lois Henry	Logan Weaver
Katherine Minahan	Gary Bellack
Lenore Runkle	Cathy Zakucia
Andy Serafin	Richard Kibsey
Cheryl Gindlesperger	Gwen Hartnett
Nancy Dimitt	Beth Runkle
Joyce Horn	Marie Hudson
Elaine & Ken Bilger	Linda Shoop
Bill & Patty Gramling	Linda Hayes
Marie Kotar	Vickie Zimmerman
Gloria Sorensen	All Shut- Ins
Kathy & Robert Wilks	All in Nursing Homes
Rev. Dr. Brenda & Don Barnes	All First Responders
Pastor John Hickman	All Service Men & Women
Dawna Sheets	

To Place Announcements Or Concerns List Names in the bulletin contact Ed Sheets at 539-3495 or email at esheets91@hotmail.com or contact Pastor Denise at 479-2382 or email her at 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.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving L: May the Spirit of Pentecost be with you! P: And also with you. L: Open your closed hearts to the Spirit of grace. P: We lift them to the One who rushes into our lives. L: Join in one voice in singing to God! P: With our hearts aflame, we sing praises to God! L: You spoke a single Word with the breath of the Spirit, God of wondrous imagination..... we raise our thanksgivings to you: P: Holy, holy, holy are you, God of wind and fire. All creation utters your praises with one voice. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who offers the Advocate to us. Hosanna in the highest! L: May your holiness be forever, God of glory..... we proclaim the mystery we call faith: **P:** Christ went to the cross, death taking his breath away; Christ was raised, breathing deeply of the resurrection; Christ shares the Spirit, the Breath of peace and truth

filling our lives.

The Lord's Prayer

The Communion

All hold the element and at the Pastor's lead take together saying: **The body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven.**

The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

Pentecost Geraniums

In Memory Of

Louis & Mary Barclay Dick & Alma Todero Shirley & Harry Weaver Helen & Harold Brewer Rick Gill Charles & Elizabeth Molnar Richard & Ruth Gill Robbie Lund **Our Parents Cindy Griffin** Barbara Miller Larry Holbay Leora Mae Holbay Betty Jean Smith Ralph Clemenson Loved Ones Loved Ones Loved Ones Loved Ones In Honor Of

Our Children & Grandchildren

Given By

Pastor Denise & Pete Pastor Denise & Pete Pastor Denise & Pete The Molnar Family Ray & Dawna Sheets John Griffin John Griffin **Beverly Smith Holbay Beverly Smith Holbay Beverly Smith Holbay Betty Clemenson & Family** Don & Marlene Bennett Maryann Minahan Linda Orlidge David Hayduk **Given By** Pastor Denise & Pete