

**Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA**  
**MORNING WORSHIP April 23rd, 2023**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**CALL TO WORSHIP\*\***

L: Lift your voices to God.

**P: We call on the One who promises to hear us.**

L: In life, in death, in every moment, God deals graciously with us.

**P: We rejoice in the One who saves us.**

L: We will break the Bread of life in thanksgiving to God.

**P: We will lift up the Cup of salvation, drinking deeply from it.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" #108**

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION\*\***

When we confess our lives, we are calling on God who promises, not only to hear us, but to heal us with forgiveness and hope. Join me, as we pray together saying,

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION \*\***

**We cut you to the heart, Loving God, with the silly choices we make. We had hoped our lives would reflect your presence, but those around us can see how empty we are. We had hoped our words might bring healing, but they end up hurting those we love the most. We had hoped to find Jesus, but cannot see him in all those you send to us.**

**Oh, how foolish we are to think we can go on without your mercy, Lord God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, you judge us impartially from the depths of your heart, so we may be born anew by your grace, to continue the journey into your future.**

**SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*\***

L: This we know for certain - we are forgiven by our gracious God. This good news never ceases to astound us!

**P: This promise is passed on to us, so we may share it with everyone we meet.**

L: Friends, Believe the Good News

**ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen**

**GLORIA PATRI**

**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\*\***

As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.

**LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

First Lesson	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	p.948
Second Lesson	1 Peter 1:17-23	p.1058
Gospel	Luke 24:13-35	p.920

**MESSAGE**

**Denise Ann Todero, CP**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**"The Apostle's Creed"**

**HYMN**

**"Because He Lives"**

**#213**

## 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** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" #354

## BENEDICTION/SENDING\*\*

L: The stone has been rolled away!

**P: We will go to share this good news!**

L: Jesus walks with us on our journey.

**P: We will go with him wherever the road takes us.**

L: Jesus has opened our eyes.

**P: We will go to serve everyone we see.**

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace"

**\*\*@ Rev. Thom Shuman**

**ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger**

**COMMISSIONED PASTOR: Denise Ann Todero**

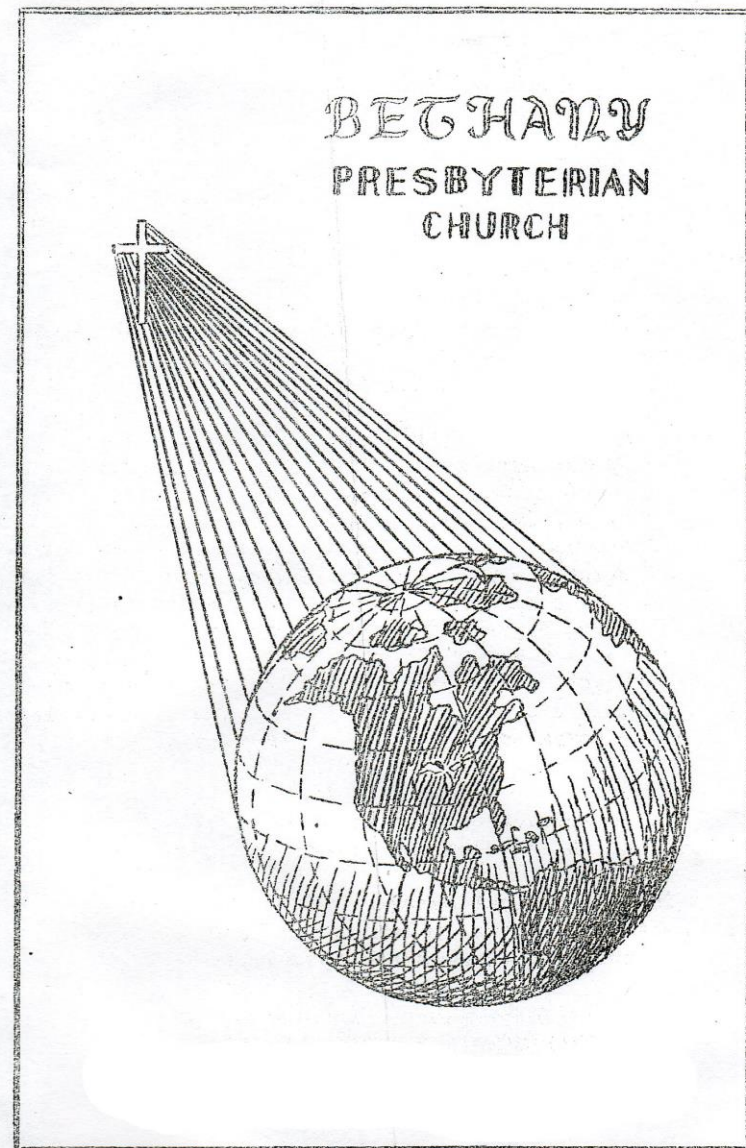
**WORSHIP LEADER: Tina Varner**

*We cannot love God unless we love each other,  
and to love we must know each other.*

*We know Him in the breaking of bread,  
and we know each other in the breaking of bread,  
and we are not alone anymore.*

*Heaven is a banquet and life is a banquet, too,  
even with a crust, when there is companionship.*  
*Dorothy Day*

*Love when you expect no love in return.  
Do good without expecting thanks.  
Lend when you do not hope for a return.  
Then we will be sons and daughters of the Most High.*  
*Henrietta Mears*



**Offering: 04/16**  
**Attendance: 17**  
**Local 553.25**  
**Benev. 38.30**  
**Improv. 32.45**  
**OGHS 25.00**  
**Total 649.00**

**Sunday April 23rd**  
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday April 30th**  
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.



**Session** will meet on Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> after Morning Worship.  
 Please send all agenda items to Pastor Denise or Linda Orlidge.

**The Upper Room** subscriptions are now due. The cost is \$8 per year and payment can be given to Ray Sheets.

**Camp Harmony** will hold a Women's Retreat May 12-13. See the flyer on the back bulletin board for more information or visit [www.campharmony.org](http://www.campharmony.org).

**Weekly Flower and Bulletins** for 2023 are still available for most weeks. The cost is \$25 per week for flowers and \$10 per week for bulletins. If you purchase flowers and bulletins for the same week the cost is \$30. To reserve a week, sign up on- the back bulletin board or fill out the form on the church website.

Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Pastor Denise	David Hayduk
Lois Henry	Susie Keefer
Ray & Dawna Sheets	Chloe Kern
Buzz & Jeanne Lehman	Tyler & Julie Kalp
Marie Whorl	Linda Hayes
Bev Holbay	David Varner
Wendy Manges	Loretta Davidson
Mark Todero	Nancy Thomas
Shirley Gavazoni	Elaine Bilger
Linda & Richard Oaks	Randy Maurer
Bill Faust	Kim Redvay
Beverly Rager	All Shut- Ins
Mikey Ferante	All in Nursing Homes
Susan Willis	All First Responders
Jim Kuntz	All Service Men & Women
Joel Marple	All Healthcare Professionals
Dave Lampel	

**To Place Announcements Or Concerns List Names** in the bulletin contact Ed Sheets at 539-3495 or email at [bethanyjtown@hotmail.com](mailto:bethanyjtown@hotmail.com) or contact Pastor Denise at 814-248-8174 or email her at [datodero55@gmail.com](mailto:datodero55@gmail.com).

**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.

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