

Bethany Presbyterian Church

MORNING WORSHIP

July 21st, 2024 8th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 11

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: Neighbors and newcomers, families and strangers,

P: we gather in this place built by God's steadfast love.

L: Strugglers and stragglers, pilgrims almost at the end of the journey,

P: each of us is seeks to follow Jesus, the compassionate One.

L: Builders of bridges in fractured communities, those who stand on either side of walls of fear,

P: the Spirit of faithfulness calls us to live as one people – God's people!

HYMN To God Be the Glory" #66

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

L: Do we really want God to dwell within us, or are we only willing to 'rent out' space for a brief visit? Our actions, our words, our silence, our fears all show the presence, or absence, of God in our lives. Let us empty ourselves of all which burdens us, and welcome the One who lives with us forever. Please join me as we pray,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION **

ALL: Steadfast God, we confess that we are so busy putting up walls between ourselves and others, we cannot see the home you are building for all of us. We spend so much time noting the differences between us and others, while you are embracing everyone as your child. We run to welcome those who look, talk, and act like us, and you throw open your doors to the stranger, the alien, in our midst.

Forgive us, Faithful Heart. By your grace, help us to see the household you are building for all people: there are no plastic protectors on the furniture; there are no rooms that are off-limits; and even the smallest child is welcome to sit at the big peoples' Table and be fed by your grace. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our peace, our hope, our Lord, our Savior.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Do you remember? At one time, you were without Christ; you were the stranger, the outsider, and the alien. But now, in Christ, you have been brought home, living in God's household of hope and peace.

P: God's covenant with us is everlasting; God's steadfast love is forever; God's forgiveness makes us new and whole.

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 with a virtual hug or handshake or wave saying "The peace of Christ be with you")

REDEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Offertory

Doxology

#625

Prayer of Dedication **

Because you have compassion on us, Steadfast Love, you do not hold anything back, but fill us with your good gifts. May we share from our abundance, as well as from our need, so our offerings might be an enduring witness to your hope, your peace, and your healing for all. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

First Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-14a p.269

Second Reading Ephesians 2:11-22 p.1018

Gospel Reading Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 p.873

Message Tammy Noss

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed

HYMN "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" #462

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: Now go, to greet stranger and dear friend equally.

P: We will share God's steadfast love as we seek to live in faithfulness.

L: Now go, to share Christ's compassion with everyone.

P: We will tear down dividing walls and build bridges of hope.

L: Now go, to live as one as the Spirit gathers you with others.

P: We will build communities that welcome all, especially the outsiders.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "God Be With You"

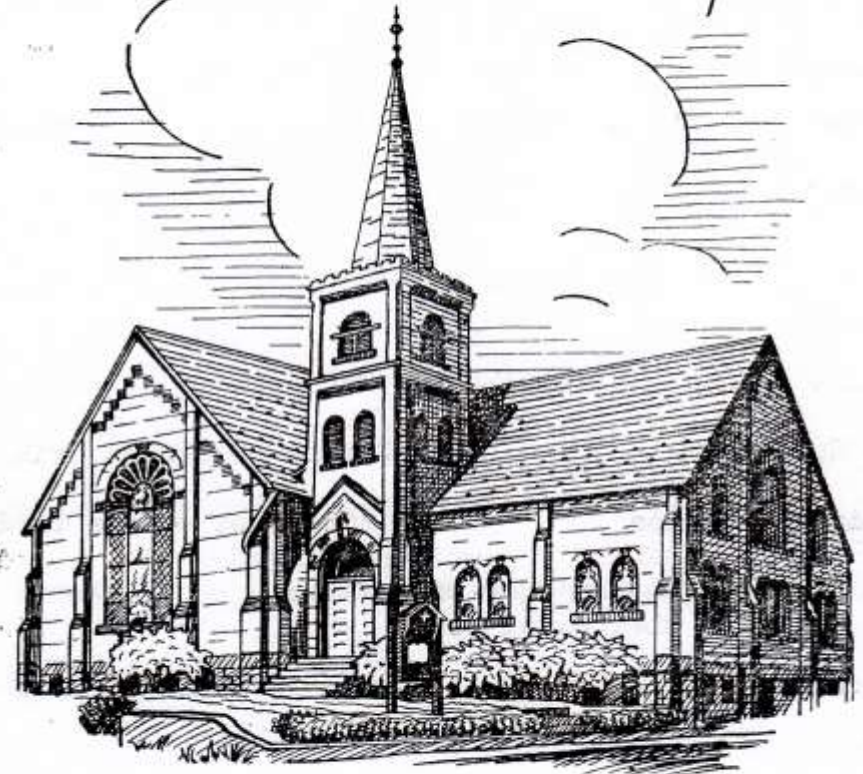
God be with you till we meet again;
By His coun-sels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again

God be with you till we meet again;
'Neath His wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.

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Offering: 07/14
Attendance: 19
Local 722.50
Benev. 50.00
Improv. 42.50
Total 830.00

Sunday July 21st
 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday July 28th
 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.



We Welcome Tammy Noss as our guest speaker this morning.

The West End Food Pantry is still in need of staples to keep their shelves stocked during the summer months. Non-perishable food donations can be placed in the bins by the main entrance. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate. Thank you for your support.

Ed Sheets is in need of small shipping boxes (ex: Amazon boxes). If you have some you would like to get rid of, they can be placed on the table in the adult Sunday School Room across from the Memorial Parlor. Thank you for your assistance!

Sign Ups For 2024 Lay Leaders and Flower/Bulletin Sponsorships are still being accepted. If you are interested, please see the back bulletin board for more information. You can also order flowers/bulletins on the church website.

Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Lois Henry	Nancy Thomas
Dawna Sheets	Rich Horner
Jeanne Lehman	Dave & Karen Vivis
Marie Whorl	Joshua Holbay Family
Bev Holbay	Dominic Serratore
Mark Todero	Loretta Davidson
Carl Newfield	Irene Barefoot Bischof
Beverly Rager	Rodney Gramling
Mikey Ferante	Gary Lichtenfels
Jill Sheets	Bob Kinsey
Betty Clemenson	Randy Maurer
Pat Pecora	Lena Azzoli
Linda Orlidge	All Shut- Ins
Frank Cassat	All in Nursing Homes
JR Bilger	All First Responders
Linda Hayes	All Service Men & Women
Missy DiPlacido	All Healthcare Professionals
Jim & Iva Jean	

To Place Announcements Or Concerns List Names in the bulletin contact Ed Sheets at 539-3495 or email at bethanyjtown@hotmail.com or contact Pastor Denise at 814-248-8174 or email her at 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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