

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP August 4th, 2024
11th Sunday after Pentecost

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: Lead a life worthy of your calling.

P: We cannot do this alone, we dare not try this alone, so we gather as God's people.

L: Lead a life filled with the gifts of your calling, gifts to be used with service and meekness.

P: We come to build up Christ's Body, in humility and gentleness, with patience and love.

L: Lead a life which reflects your calling, that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.

P: We rejoice in our oneness in Christ; we would share the grace offered to us.

L: Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

P: We gather as God's family at the Table prepared for us, waiting to be fed by the Bread of life.

***HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" vs. 1&4 #97**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION *

When we try to sugarcoat what we have done, scripture stares us down, reminding us of our faults. When we seek to romanticize why we have failed to live as faithful people, God refuses to go along, waiting for us to confess our sins. Let us join together as God's children, lifting our prayers to the One who is generous in love.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION *

Compassionate One: like David, it is not easy for us to confront those deeds which do not please you. We are so busy looking for the miracles we desire, we cannot see the gift of your presence in others. We are so intent on indulging our appetites and slaking our thirsts, we cannot taste that Bread which gives life. We spend so much of our lives bemoaning the acts of others, we have no time to look in the mirror and see our secret faces.

Forgive us, Steadfast Love. Grace us with your mercy, so we might be made whole. Touch our inner being and heal

us, so we might know joy and gladness. Create new hearts within us, so they might beat as one with each other, and with your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

L: Despite knowing our sin, God chooses to forgive us; seeing our emptiness, God chooses to feed us; holding our shattered hearts, God chooses to heal us.

This is the good news: God loves us.

P: God has graced us with mercy and created new life from our brokenness.

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 "The peace of Christ be with you")

REDEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Offertory

***Doxology**

#625

Prayer of Dedication*

Use the gifts which we offer to you, Holy God, to restore joy to the despairing, to give food to the hungry, and willing spirits to us, that we might be servants to all your people. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Lesson	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a	p.273
New Testament Lesson	Ephesians 4:1-16	p.1018
Gospel Lesson	John 6:24-35	p.928

MESSAGE Denise Ann Todero, CP

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed**

***HYMN "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" #68**

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*

Let us go into the world with God's gifts.

We will perform God's works of mercy and life.

Let us go into the world with the Bread of heaven in our hands.

We will share Christ's grace which gives life to everyone.

Let us go as the one body of faith and fellowship.

We will to witness to the one Spirit of hope and faith.

***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.

*Please stand as you are able

****@ Rev. Thom Shuman**

ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

COMMISSIONED PASTOR: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADER:

The Bread of God is the One

Who comes down from heaven.

John 6:33



**Bethany Presbyterian Church
Blaine Street at Chandler Avenue
Johnstown, PA**

Offering: 07/28
Attendance: 15
Local 311.20
Benev. 21.55
Roof 6.00
Improv. 18.25
Total 357.00

Sunday August 4th
 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday August 11th
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Session Meeting



The Flowers and Bulletins are given in honor of Jake and Bobbie Johnson on their anniversary by Sandy Huchel.

Session will meet next Sunday after Morning Worship

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 would like to thank everyone who has donated boxes and bags over the last few weeks. A box will be placed in the back of the sanctuary for anyone who would like to continue bringing in bags and/or small boxes.

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	Dave & Karen Vivis
Jeanne Lehman	Joshua Holbay Family
Marie Whorl	Dominic Serratore
Bev Holbay	Loretta Davidson
Mark Todero	Irene Barefoot Bischof
Carl Newfield	Rodney Gramling
Beverly Rager	Bob Kinsey
Mikey Ferante	Randy Maurer
Jill Sheets	Edward Spinda
Betty Clemenson	Jim & Iva Jean
Pat Pecora	All Shut- Ins
Linda Orlidge	All in Nursing Homes
Frank Cassat	All First Responders
JR Bilger	All Service Men & Women
Linda Hayes	All Healthcare Professionals
Missy DiPlacido	

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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