

Scriptures for Bikers who Ride with God...

2 Samuel 22:2-4 And he said, "The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge; My savior, Thou dost save me from violence. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; And I am saved from my enemies."

Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Psalms 33:20-22 "Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you."

Ephesians 6:11 "Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."

John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

1 Corinthians 16:13 "Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong."

Psalms 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Psalms 103:13 As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.



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MORNING WORSHIP June 25th, 2017
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Open our eyes, O Lord, to see the wonder and beauty all around us, when we pay attention and allow distractions to fall away. Open our eyes, O Lord, that we may find your abundant gifts right in front of us, meeting our needs and filling the God-shaped empty spaces inside of us. Open our eyes, O Lord, in this time of worship, that we might be changed by our encounter with you. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Be gracious to us, O God, for to you we cry.

P: We call on you in the midst of trouble. We know you will answer us.

L: Gladden our souls, O Lord. We lift up our souls to you.

P: Turn to us. Be gracious to us. Give us your strength.

L: There is no one like you, for you alone are God.

Let us join our hearts and voices, to worship the Lord!

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

CALL TO CONFESSION*

L: Paul asks this question, in his letter to the Romans: "*Shall we continue in sin in order that grace may abound?*" (v. 1b, NRSV) Should we take advantage of God's grace and forgiveness, and continue to make wrong choices?

He answers his own question with the Greek phrase *me genoito*! Which means, "No way!" Absolutely not! And yet, we are human. We do fall short. And we do rely on the grace of God to forgive and to understand. Together, let us confess our sin before God.

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, you created us. You know us and understand us. You realize that, at times, we come up short. We desire to be generous, but withhold from others and from you. We desire to be Christ-like in our actions, but we can forget and follow

the values and examples that this world offers us. We desire to be kind and loving, but can allow fatigue and stress to deter us from these good intentions. Forgive us, O Lord, and allow your grace to wash over us. Help us to forgive others and to forgive ourselves, and to begin anew, each day. And hear us now, in the silence of these moments, as we confess to you what is ours alone to confess.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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**

#625

***Prayer of Dedication**

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

First Lesson Genesis 21:8-21 p.16

Second Lesson Romans 6:1b-11 p. 981

Gospel Lesson Matthew 10:24-39 p. 843

MESSAGE

Denise Ann Todero, CRE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

***HYMN**

"It is Well with My Soul"

#493

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 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" #562

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace"

**Those who are able please stand.*

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WORSHIP LEADER: Tina Varner

*To be glad instruments of God's love in this imperfect world
is the service to which men are called,
and it forms a preparatory stage to this bliss that awaits them
in the perfected world, the Kingdom of God.*

Albert Schweitzer

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*Because the way was steep and long,
And through a strange and lonely land,
God placed upon my lips a song,
And put a lantern in my hand.*

Joyce Kilmer, "Love's Lantern"

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*"As the sufferings of Christ abound to us,
even so our comfort also abounds through Christ."*

Second Corinthians 1:5

Offering: 6/18
Attendance: 25

Local	751.85
Benev.	52.05
Improv.	<u>44.10</u>
Total	848.00

Sunday June 25th
Morning Worship 10:00
a.m.

**Coffee Hour After
Worship**

Sunday July 2nd
Morning Worship 10:00
a.m.

The Flowers Today are given in memory of mothers Glessen R. Bennett and Sadie Devich by Donald H. Bennett and Marlene (Devich) Bennett.

Coffee Hour will be held today after worship.

The 2017 Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program will be held throughout this summer. For more information, pick up a packet from the back table.

Volunteers are needed to setup for communion on October 1st and both services on December 24th. If you are interested, please sign up on the back bulletin board and see Jeanne Lehman with any questions.

Items for the Newsletter are due today. Please give all items to Ed Sheets or email them to esheets91@hotmail.com. This edition will cover July-September.

We are currently updating our church directory. Please take a minute to review the copy in the back and fill out a form if anything needs changed or added. The deadline is today.



Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Don Bennett	Bill & Patty Gramling
Michael Robert Rose III	Bill Kegg
Darlene Rager	Justin Korenoski
Phyllis Pfuhl	Kathy & Robert Wilks
Harry & Lillian Thiel	Logan Weaver
Lois Henry	Larry Holbay
Melinda Mendoza	George Hockenberry
Jim Runkle Sr.	Lilyana Newfield
Katherine Minahan	Sharon Weaver
The Fockler Family	Melissa Zeisman
Jack Forsha	Elizabeth Kern
Olivia & Patrick Bragdon	Wanda Keifer
Dick Dunkle	John & Cindy Griffin
Lenore Runkle	Rose Marie Oravetz
Andrew Mayak	Charles Molnar
Andy Serafin	Ina Miller
William Ribblett	Carol Flynn
Ken Bilger	All Shut- Ins
Francine Calpin	All in Nursing Homes
Jennie Williams	All Service Men & Women
Bill Shroyer	

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.