

**Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA**  
**MORNING WORSHIP September 19th, 2021**  
**Proper 20**

**CALL TO WORSHIP \*\***

L: Our world offers many wide avenues and beautiful boulevards to walk;

**P: Our God invites us to walk the road of service and sacrifice.**

L: Our society suggests we put down our roots in the shallow soil of pleasure and greed.

**P: Our God seeks to plant us on the banks of hope, watered by the rivers of joy and grace.**

L: Our culture promotes achievement, success, climbing to the top, ringing the bell.

**P: Our God tells us if we want to be first we need to go to the end of the line.**

**HYMN "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" #59**

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION\*\***

While we try to live in God's way, we know how often we follow the wrong advice, or walk down sin's shadowed streets. Yet, God watches over us and calls us to confess, so we might be welcomed into the embracing arms of mercy and healing. Let us pray as we say,

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

**We confess how much we are like those first disciples of Jesus, Wisdom from on high. Our cravings for more and more toss us about like leaves in the fall winds. We boast of our great wisdom, yet do not understand your ways of peace and gentleness. We do not plant ourselves in your hope and grace, and so reap harvests of disorder and conflict.**

**Draw near to us, Gracious God, and forgive us. Draw us into your tender arms, and teach us peace, gentleness, the willingness to put the other first, the wisdom to serve instead of seize, so we might bring forth a harvest of righteousness, justice, and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**\*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*\***

L: This is the wisdom from above: God plants in us the forgiveness and healing we need, so we might share the good harvest of joy and mercy with everyone we meet.

**P: Bathed in the living waters, fed by the Bread of life, we are given new life and hope.**

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**

**LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

**Old Testament**

**Proverbs 31:10-31**

**p.572**

**New Testament**

**James 3:13-4:3,7-8a**

**p.1055**

**Gospel**

**Mark 9:30-37**

**p.877**

**Message Denise Ann Todero, CP**

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

**HYMN "Fairest Lord Jesus" #88**

**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: Let us go to walk the road of service.

**P: We will feed others with God's hope.**

L: Let us go to break down the walls of resentment.

**P: We will join the Servant of the world in embracing the refugees of despair and fear.**

L: Let us go to teach kindness in our world.

**P: We will gather up our sisters and brothers, and rest in the Spirit's peaceful lap.**

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "God Be With You"

God be with you till we meet again;  
By His counsels 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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**ORGANISTS:** John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

**COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER:** Denise Ann Todero

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Tina Varner

**Christianity for the first time made charity a rudimentary virtue....It effected a complete revolution in this sphere, by regarding the poor as the special representatives of the Christian Founder and thus making the love of Christ rather than the love of man the principle of charity.**

**W.E.H. Lecky**



**Offering: 9/12**  
**Attendance:**  
**Local 558.55**  
**Benev. 38.70**  
**Improv. 32.75**  
**Total 630.00**

**Sunday September 19th**  
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday September 26th**  
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

**Session** will meet on Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup> after Morning Worship.

**Donations** for the West End Food Pantry can be placed in the bins by the Blaine St. entrance. All non-perishable food items are appreciated, especially during the summer months.

**Flower and Bulletin Sponsorships** are available for all Sundays in 2021. The cost to sponsor flowers for a week is \$25 and the cost to sponsor the bulletin for a week is \$10. If you sponsor both the flowers and bulletin for a week the cost is \$30. Sign up on the back bulletin board at the church or by clicking the link on the church website.



<b>Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...</b>	
Pastor Denise	Chloe Kern
Don Bennett	Ruby Porch
Phyllis Pfuhl	Christine Paratore
Harry Thiel	David Hayduk
Lois Henry	Mary Findley
Ray & Dawna Sheets	Mercedes Rummel
Al & Linda Hockenberry	Susie Keefer
Waylon Rummell	Shari Pavic
Bob & Marie Whorl	All Shut- Ins
Bev Holbay	All in Nursing Homes
Nora Dixon	All First Responders
Mark Todero	All Service Men & Women
Bob & Kathy Wilks	All Healthcare Professionals

**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 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.

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