# Morning Worship Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **CALL TO WORSHIP \*\***

L: Even when we encounter folks who are mean, dishonest, hateful, **P: we are called to respond with that love which is true and sincere.** 

L: God calls us to love all people as if they were our sisters and brothers,

P: for God seeks to weave us into one family, tearing down all the barriers between us.

L: No matter how weary we become from our loneliness, our struggles, our service,

P: God challenges us to be patient, to rejoice, and to never stop praying.

L: Why should we do all things?

P: Because we are God's people, called to lives which are different, and which make a difference!

HYMN "Immortal, Invisible" #25

### **CALL TO RECONCILIATION\*\***

L: If God is in every person we meet, what does that say about the harmful words we speak, the hurt we cause to others in our lives? We are invited to bring our faults and foolishness, our brokenness and bitterness to our God, confessing such lives, so we might be made new. Join me, as we pray together saying,

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

ALL: You know us, Watching God. You know who we are, people who find it easier to hold on to all we do that is wrong, rather that clinging to goodness. You know what we do, when we ignore the poor, or refuse to live at peace with others. You know why we do all these things, for we continue to set our minds on all those temptations which insinuate themselves into our lives.

You do indeed know us all too well, Steadfast Love. Yet, you continue to be patient with us and forgiving towards us. Yet, you would embrace as we turn towards you in repentance, rather than washing your hands of us. Yet, you would continue to call us to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, so we might find our life with you.

#### SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: This is the good news for us, my friends. God remembers us and forgives us, so we might live as people of love and hope.

P: We will sing our praises to the One who has made us 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 by 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 Lesson	Exodus 3:1-15	p.47
<b>New Testament Lesson</b>	Romans 12:9-21	p.987
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 16:21-28	p.851
Message	Denise Ann Todero, CP	

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in Jesus Christ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. -- Philippians 2:5-11

HYMN "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" vs 1&4 #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: Take the love of God into the world.

P: We will be genuine in sharing this with everyone we meet.

L: Take the grace of Jesus into your communities.

P: We will share the joy of those who rejoice, we will mingle our tears with those who weep.

L: Share the Spirit's community with all this week.

P: We will welcome everyone, especially those who feel alone and afraid.

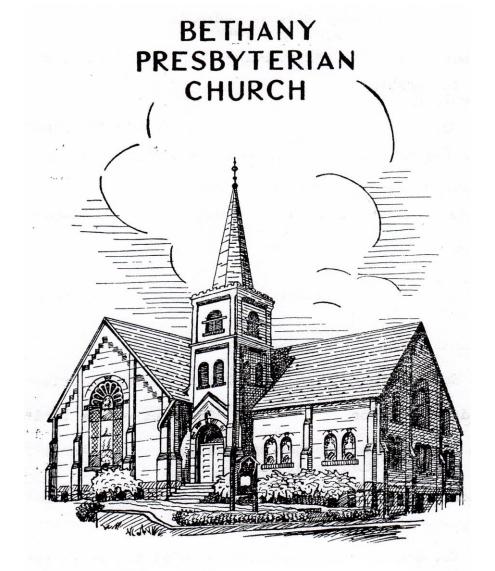
#### **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

"Take the Name of Jesus with You" vs 1&2 #116

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Organists: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger Commissioned Pastor: Denise Ann Todero

**Worship Leader: Tina Varner** 



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Offering: 08/27	Sunday September 3rd	
Attendance: 24	Morning Worship 10:00 a.m	
<b>Local</b> 463.70		
Benev. 32.10	Sunday September 10th	
Improv. <u>27.20</u>	Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.	
<b>Total</b> 341.00	-	

**Morning Worship** will change back to 10:30 a.m. starting next Sunday (September 10<sup>th</sup>). This change will remain until the Sunday before Memorial Day.

**Session** will meet on Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup> after Morning Worship. If you have any agenda items, please give them to Pastor Denise or Linda Orlidge.

First Presbyterian Church will hold a Congregational Depression Awareness Program (CDAP) on Sunday September 17th. In honor of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, Dr. D William Hale, Professor of Psychiatry, Behavioral Sciences, and Medicine at Johns Hopkins Medicine, and co-director of the Congregational Depression Awareness Program, will share his personal and professional experience with us. If you plan on attending, please RSVP by calling 814-536-8141. More information is also available on the flyer posted on the bulletin board near the Blaine St. Entrance.

**Musician Michael Facciani** will perform at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. The performance is called "Remembering The Big Hymns Under The Big Dome". There is no cost to attend but a free will offering will be collected.

**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.



Beverly Rager

Mikev Ferante

Susan Willis

Joel Marple

Dave Lampel

Matt Sernell

Samuel Holbay

Iim Kuntz





Dave Kellv

Dave & Karen Vivis

All in Nursing Homes

All First Responders

All Service Men & Women

All Healthcare Professionals

Chuck Schmidt

All Shut- Ins



Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers... Pastor Denise David Havduk Lois Henry Susie Keefer Dawna Sheets Chloe Kern Buzz & Jeanne Lehman Tyler & Julie Kalp Marie Whorl Linda Haves Bev Holbay **Nancy Thomas** Wendy Manges Rich Horner Mark Todero Randy Maurer Shirley Gavazoni Kim Redvay Sandra Boring Jay Freedline

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Please do not leave them on the church answering machine.

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