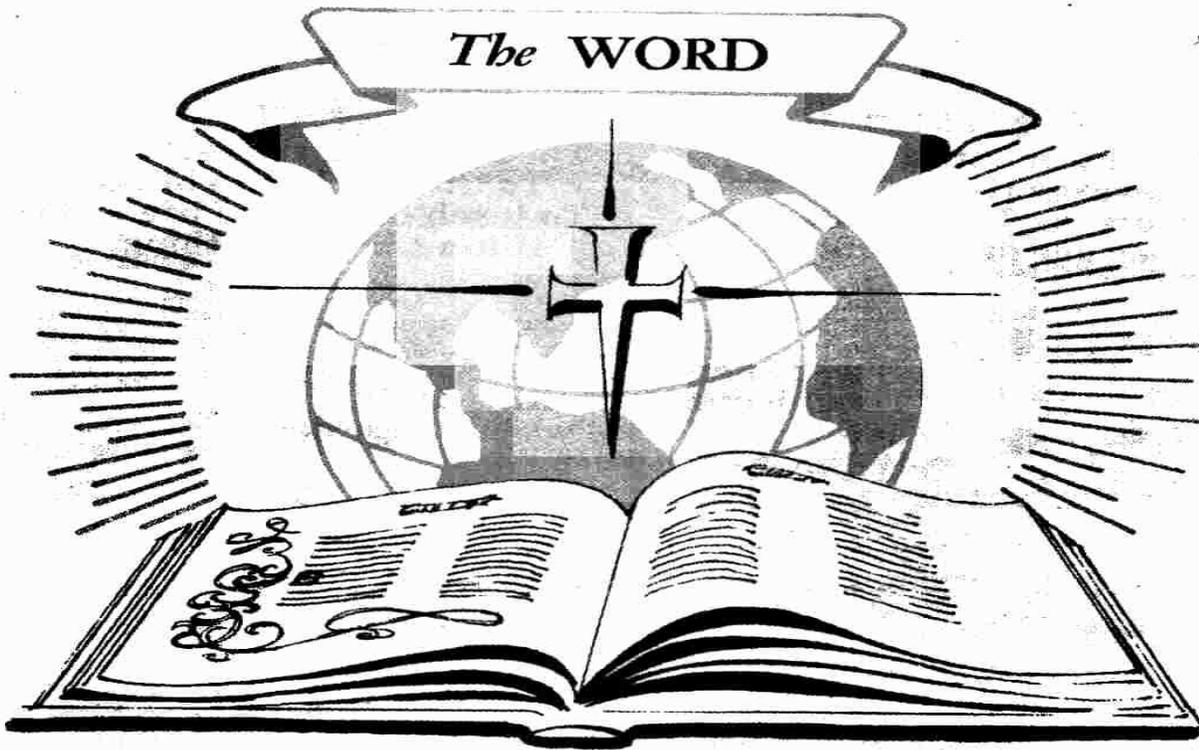


*... that repentance to the forgiveness of sins should be preached in His Name
to all nations.*

Luke 24:47



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

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MORNING WORSHIP
April 18th, 2021 3rd Sunday of Easter

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: When fear and doubts stroll through our doors: **P: God stands beside us, whispering of peace.**

L: When we toss and turn late at night: **P: God sits by our beds, singing lullabies of love.**

L: When we stumble through the shadows of sin: **P: God illuminates the paths of goodness and joy.**

HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the all,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

L: If our actions mirrored our words, if our hands were mentored by our hearts, if we walked the talk - we would be God's children. But too often, it is our silence, our doubts, our fears which tell others who we truly are. Let us confess to God how we have not been as faithful as we hope, as we pray, saying,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: God of empty tombs: Peter speaks with power and clarity of his faith, while we remain silent. The psalmist speaks of trusting in you, while our doubts overwhelm us. Jesus is read to come and grace us with peace, but our fears keep our hearts shuttered and locked.

God of full hearts: your love can change us from scared people to children of grace. You can weed doubts from our hearts and plant seeds of joy in their place. You can silence the panic of our souls with the peace Jesus offers to each of us. Transform us into Easter people, through the power of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: What marvelous love, what wondrous grace, what abundant mercy God offers - to us! We really are God's people - that is exactly who we are!

P: We are God's children - those whose lives have been changed by the One who loves us and forgives us.

L: Friends, Believe the Good News

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

GLORIA PATRI

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

Prayer of Dedication

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

First Lesson Acts 3:12-19

¹²When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

Second Lesson 1 John 3:1-7

³See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Gospel Lesson Luke 24: 36b-48

³⁶While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

MESSAGE

Denise Ann Todero, CP

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed

HYMN

"Take Time to Be Holy"

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord; Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak, Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; Spend much time in secret, with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be; Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let Him be thy Guide; And run not before Him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord, And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul, Each thought and each motive beneath His control.
Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love, Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

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: Go now, to be God's children in the world.

P: We will open our minds to understand the needs around us.

L: Go now, to be Christ's servants in the world.

P: We will open our hands to share our blessings with all.

L: Go now, to be the Spirit's hope for the world.

P: We will open our hearts to welcome those who have no one to care for them.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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"

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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Some years ago we often sang a hymn, "Take Time to Be Holy." I wish we sang it more in these days. It takes time to be holy; one cannot be holy in a hurry, and much of the time that it takes to be holy must go into secret prayer.

Some people express surprise that professing Christians today are so little like their Lord, but when I stop to think how little time the average Christian today puts into secret prayer the thing that astonishes me is, not that we are so little like the Lord, but that we are as much like the Lord as we are.....Reuben Archer Torrey

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You must be holy in the way God asks you to be holy. God does not ask you to be a Trappist monk or a hermit. He wills that you sanctify the world and your everyday life.
Vincent Pallotti

Offering: 4/11
Attendance: 16
Local 439.00
Benev. 30.25
Improv. 25.75
Total 495.00

Sunday April 18th
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday April 25th
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Dawna Sheets would like to thank everyone for their calls and prayers during the past week. A special thanks to Denise and Pete for the flowers and to Tomi for the visits while she was in the hospital.

Pentecost Geranium orders are now being accepted the cost is \$4 each and orders are due by May 16th. See the order form in your bulletin for more information. Additional order form are also on the back table. We will also once again be collecting red food items on Pentecost Sunday for the West End Food Pantry.

We Are Currently Updating the church directory. Please take a minute before you leave today to make sure your information is correct on the copy on the back table. If there are any additions, changes, etc. or if you would like to be added to the church E-Newsletter list please fill out a form and place it in the bulletin.

The Redstone Presbyterian Women Spring Retreat will be held on Tuesday May 18th at Pine Springs Camp. The theme is A Virtual Tour of the 5th Gospel. For more information or to register, pick up a flyer on the back table.

Donations are still being accepted for the West End Food Pantry. Non-perishable food items can be placed in the baskets by the Blaine St. Entrance. The pantry continues to serve our community during these difficult times and all donations are appreciated.

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.



Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Don & Marlene Bennett	Elizabeth Kern
Phyllis Pfuhl	Ruby Porch
Harry Thiel	Christine Paratore
Lois Henry	David Hayduk
Ray & Dawna Sheets	Donnie Benito
Al Hockenberry	All Shut- Ins
Waylon Rummell	All in Nursing Homes
Bob & Marie Whorl	All First Responders
Bev Holbay	All Service Men & Women
John Griffin	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.

Visit Our Website (www.bethanyjohnstown.com) or follow us on Facebook (Bethany Presbyterian Church- Johnstown, PA) for the latest news, information and much more!

Pentecost Geraniums Order Form

Orders are now being accepted for Pentecost Geraniums. The cost is \$4 each and we are offering real flowers to be placed in the sanctuary and virtual flowers to be placed in a special webpage on our website. A virtual flower is included with each real flower purchased or you can purchase a virtual flower only. Orders can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. The deadline for orders is Sunday May 16th.

NAME:

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of Virtual Geraniums @ \$4 Each = \$_____

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