

Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP May 25, 2025
Sixth Sunday of Easter

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, and may the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

P: May the Lord remember all of our offerings and regard with favor our sacrifices of praise.

L: May the Lord grant you your heart's desire, and fulfill all of your plans

P: Our pride is in the name of the Lord who hears us when we pray and answers our needs.

HYMN "Blessed Assurance" #345

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

L: Let us draw near to God with sincerity of heart and full assurance of faith, our guilty hearts sprinkled clean, our bodies washed with pure water. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Forgiving God, as we live in the darkness of this world, we're crushed by a sense of inadequacy. When confused, we feel there's no hope. We hear that Christ resides within us like a treasure. Transform our entire being so that we live in that truth. We're in need of your forgiveness as we confess our sins. Have mercy upon us and grant us your pardon. Amen

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Don't lose heart! God is merciful and just and forgives us our sins. We're open to the truth of God's love and graciousness.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

GLORIA PATRI

#623

CHURCH NEWS

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please greet your neighbor with a hug or handshake or wave saying "The peace of Christ be with you")

REDEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Offertory

Doxology

#625

Prayer of Dedication**

God of Goodness, your grace sustains us, your mercy redeems us, and your love saves us. We place before you the fruits of our labors. We are in the hands of your mercy as we seek to love others as you command. We feel the fullness of all your blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament

Ezekiel 17:22-24

New Testament

Mark 4:26-34

Message

SIGNIFICANT IN GOD'S EYES

Bob Sheehan CRE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "THE APOSTLES' CREED"

HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

#26

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 the Lord is King" #228

BENEDICTION/SENDING**

L: Brothers and sisters, we are meant to be sent.

P: We go into the world with faith that the God who created us sustains us.

L: Go into the world with hope that is unwavering and sure.

P: We go into the world with love that knows no bounds.

"The freedoms we enjoy, the freedoms we take so much for granted, the freedoms we so often trifle with were bought not by the gold of our millionaires, nor altogether the genius of our scientists, nor the sacrifices of the people at home, but primarily by the blood, sweat and agony of those whose names on this day we honor—those who died that we might live!" - Billy Graham

"Memorial Day remains one of America's most cherished patriotic observances. The spirit of this day has not changed - it remains a day to honor those who died defending our freedom and democracy."

- *Doc Hastings*



Offering: 05/18
Attendance: 18
Local 306.75
Benev. 21.25
Improv. 18.00
Total 346.00

Sunday May 25th
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Session Meeting

Sunday June 1st
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Today is the last day to submit orders for Pentecost Geraniums. The cost is \$4 each and order forms and payment can be placed in the offering plate.

Session will meet today after Morning Worship.

Join Us Sunday June 8th as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. Those attending are encouraged to wear red and to donate red foods to benefit the West End Food Pantry. A luncheon will also be held after the service. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish to share, with the meat being provided. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the back bulletin board.

Church Directories are available on the back table. Be sure to pick one up today. If you know of someone who needs a copy mailed or emailed to them, let Ed Sheets know.

Sign Ups for 2025 Lay Leaders are still being accepted. If you are interested in helping out, please sign up on the back bulletin board.

Orders are being taken for 2025 Flower and Bulletin Sponsorships. Order forms and more information can be found on the back bulletin board and can be placed in the offering plate. Orders can also be placed on the church website.



Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
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	Randy Maurer
Beverly Rager	Jim Kuntz
Mikey Ferante	Taylor Short
Jill Sheets	John Norris
Frank Cassat	Nancy Gibson
Nancy Kahl	Tammy & Louie Noss
Linda Hayes	Dave Dunkleberger
Matt Molnar	All Shut- Ins
Bobbie Johnson	All in Nursing Homes
Will Karalfa	All First Responders
Nancy Thomas	All Service Men & Women
Barry Ross	All Healthcare Professionals

To Place Announcements Or Concerns List Names in the bulletin please email bethanyjtown@hotmail.com.

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Donations of non-perishable foods and cleaning products for the West End Food Pantry can be placed in the bins by the Blaine St. entrance. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate. Thank you for your support.