

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA  
MORNING WORSHIP  
July 20, 2025 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

**CALL TO WORSHIP\*\***

L: God has called us to this place. What do you see?

**P: We see people who model for us God's joyous embrace of all people.**

L: God has brought us to this place. What do you hear?

**P: We hear God's hope that we are able to see each person as our sister or brother.**

L: God has challenged us to open our lives and hearts to others. What will you do?

**P: We will do only one thing: welcome everyone in God's name!**

**HYMN "When Morning Gilds the Skies" #87**

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION\*\***

They are there in the Bible: men and women who are as weak, as foolish, as prone to sin as we are. Every page, every story reveals to us our brokenness. Yet every page, every story tells us of the One who longs to make us whole. Let us confess our sins, and clear the way for God's reconciling love to work within us. Please join me, as we pray,

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

**In the mirror we call scripture, Revealing God, we see ourselves for who we are and are not. We whine about those who are not doing what we think they should, and ignore our failings. We speak words which nibble away at the life in our family and friends. We step over the poor on our way to get more and more, ignoring their needs.**

**Forgive us, Reconciling Love. Sit us down at Jesus' feet, so we may learn the balanced life you intend for us. Then, and only then, we can set aside our grudges, to offer our gifts to our neighbors; we can stop licking at our hurts, to bring healing to others; we can reach out and welcome our sisters**

**and brothers, even as we have been welcomed into your heart through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

**SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*\***

L: Christ Jesus comes to reconcile us to God, so we can be reconciled to one another. Recreated in God's image, we are made whole.

**P: When we are in Christ, everything becomes new. Our past is just that - our past!**

L: Do you really believe this - that your past is done, and you are a new person? If so, go out and reflect it in your life.

**P: Thanks be to God! We will go forth and live as reconciled people.**

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\*\***

Because we trust in your never-ending love, Gracious God, we offer not only our thanks, but our gifts, knowing that what you have done in the past – rescuing the lost, healing the broken, feeding the hungry, loving the poor – will continue to be accomplished through our gifts. Bless all that we offer to you, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Lesson	Proverbs 3:1-6	p.548
New Testament Lesson	Colossians 1:9-14	p.1026
Gospel	Luke 10:38-42	p.903

**MESSAGE:** Rev. Ed Wagner

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed

**HYMN** "Be Thou My Vision" #382

## 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** "Abide With Me" #419

## BENEDICTION/SENDING\*

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"  
#614

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