

**Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA**  
**MORNING WORSHIP April 6, 2025**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**CALL TO WORSHIP \*\***

L: This is the fifth step on our Lenten journey, the step of sacrifice. This requires the willingness to give our life to the Lord.

**P: Be with us, Lord, as we take this step and commit our lives to you.**

L: Come, let us worship and offer our voices of praise to our God.

**P: Lord be with us this day and walk with us on this journey.**

**HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" #96**

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION\*\***

L: We have all sinned, not one of us is clean; but there is mercy for those who call on the name of the Lord. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.

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

**Compassionate Lord, forgive us when we falter on this Lenten pathway; when the road ahead seems too uncertain and we're afraid. We admit that following Jesus is not an easy task. Jesus requires us to be willing to make the ultimate commitment of our entire lives and we hesitate and hold back. Draw us back to you, Lord. Give us confidence and courage to face the future with hope. Let us place our trust in you that the message of peace and mercy that you have given us through Jesus Christ be offered to others through our own witness and to your everlasting mercy. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*\***

L: Even though the future is clouded; God is with us, guiding, healing, comforting, and restoring us

**P: Rejoice! Through Jesus Christ our sins 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\*\***

Generous God, all we have comes from you and has been given to us as stewards that we might live and love as your beloved children. As we bring our gifts this morning, we realize what a small portion they are compared to what you have given to us. May our gifts be a pledge of our desire to make your redeeming, reconciling love known to others who believe they are not worthy or beyond your reach. May our offering be used to empower the Good News of the Gospel. Amen.

**LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

**Old Testament**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**New Testament**

**John 12:20-33**

**Message**

**"His Job Is Complete"**

**Bob**

**Sheehan CRE**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**from "A Brief**

**Statement of Faith"**

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil,**

delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### 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 "Let Us Break Bread Together" #323**

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** (refer to Bulletin insert)  
(All believers are welcome to celebrate Holy Communion.)

**HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #92**

#### BENEDICTION/SENDING\*\*

L: Go now in peace, for Christ has called us to live in peace among our brothers and sisters.

**P: We go in courage, for Christ has called us from the places of our lives to be agents of redemption and partners in faith.**

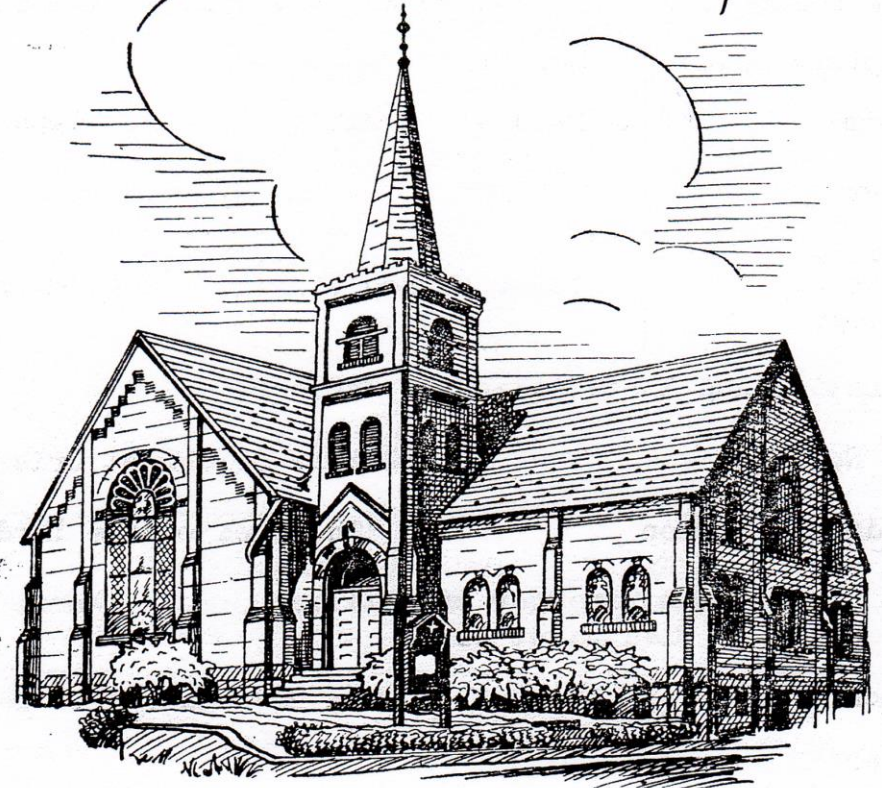
L: Go now in joy and thanksgiving, for Christ is our light!

**P: We go as one body, to love and serve our God with the courage and grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Worship Leader: Brenda Molnar**

**Organists: Elaine Bilger & John Griffin**

# BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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**Offering: 03/30**  
**Attendance: 14**  
**Local 417.00**  
**Benev. 28.55**  
**Improv. 24.45**  
**Total 470.00**

**Sunday April 6th**  
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday April 13th**  
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
**Palm Sunday**



**The Flowers and Bulletins Today** are given In Memory of Betty Clemenson and For Blessings For The Rager Family by Jessie Rager.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** collection fish are available in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to participate, be sure to pick yours up today. We ask that fish be returned by Easter Sunday.

**A Maundy Thursday Service** will be held on Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church. This will be a joint service of our congregations and all are welcome.

**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	Rodney Gramling
Beverly Rager	Randy Maurer
Mikey Ferante	Jim Kuntz
Jill Sheets	Taylor Short
Frank Cassat	Barry Ross
Nancy Kahl	Nancy Gibson
Linda Hayes	All Shut- Ins
Matt Molnar	All in Nursing Homes
Bobbie Johnson	All First Responders
Will Karalfa	All Service Men & Women
Nancy Thomas	All Healthcare Professionals

**To Place Announcements Or Concerns List Names** in the bulletin please email [bethanyjtown@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

## Invitation

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you. **P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts. **P: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our creator.....Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name saying together:

**P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

L: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. In great love with you and in compassion for all, Jesus healed .....Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith.

**P: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

L: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break.....Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen

L: As Christ our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray:

**P: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### The Words of Institution

**Distribution of the Elements** *(Please hold the element until all are served, at the Pastor's lead, all will partake together saying:)*

***The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.***

***The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.***

### Prayer after Communion:

**Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We thank you for this meal that will help us grow in faith and ready to serve. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**