

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
Morning Worship June 1, 2025
7th Sunday of Easter

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: We come to this place of prayer,

P: for here we can bring our hopes and dreams, our hidden fears and the doubts we dare wear on our sleeves.

L: We come to this place of grace,

P: for here we learn compassion and joy, and discover how deeply we are loved.

L: We come with these people called the church,

P: to be blessed by the variety of gifts, to live as one for our God.

HYMN "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" #276

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

L: Plastic cards, shiny cars, brick and glass homes - what idols we fashion with our hands, how much energy and time serving them occupy our hearts! Let us confess how we have misplaced our priorities, and seek the One who asks us to be first in our lives.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: Enslaved to sin, we cannot see the lives we lead, God of Glory. Each day, and every day, there are those times when we ignore you and your dreams for us. Each week, and every week, we find the time to ridicule others, when we could have affirmed them. Each moment, and every moment, though we do not want to admit it, we seek our own way rather than skipping down your path of joy and obedience.

We come asking forgiveness for our foolish lives, Eternal Blessing. Deliver us, and break the chains of sin and death which hold us captive. Open us to that grace you offer, and give us the gift of the Spirit so we may live as people of the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: In the beginning was God, and at the end will be God, and in every moment in between, there is God: creating, redeeming, and sustaining us.

P: And through Christ, gracious love is poured into our empty souls; through the Spirit, peace becomes the gift we can share with those around us.

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**

We cling so tightly to our worthless idols, Holy God, and so have trouble sharing from the abundance with which you have blessed us. Unclench our hands, our hearts, our spirits, so we may be as generous with those who need healing, feeding, loving, caring, far more than we do. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

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| First Lesson | Acts 16:16-34 | p.963 |
| Second Lesson | Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17,20-21 | p.1087 |
| Gospel Lesson | John 17:20-26 | p.941 |

Message

Tammy Noss

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" #68

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 "In Christ, There Is No East or West" #285

BENEDICTION/SENDING**

L: We leave this place of prayer,

**P: to join God in listening to the hopes and dreams,
the hidden fears and the doubts of our neighbors.**

L: We leave this place of grace,

**to share the compassion and joy of Jesus with others,
so they will discover how deeply they are loved.**

P: We leave to be with the people of our world,

**L: so the Spirit might bless us with their rich gifts,
so we may discover our oneness in God.**

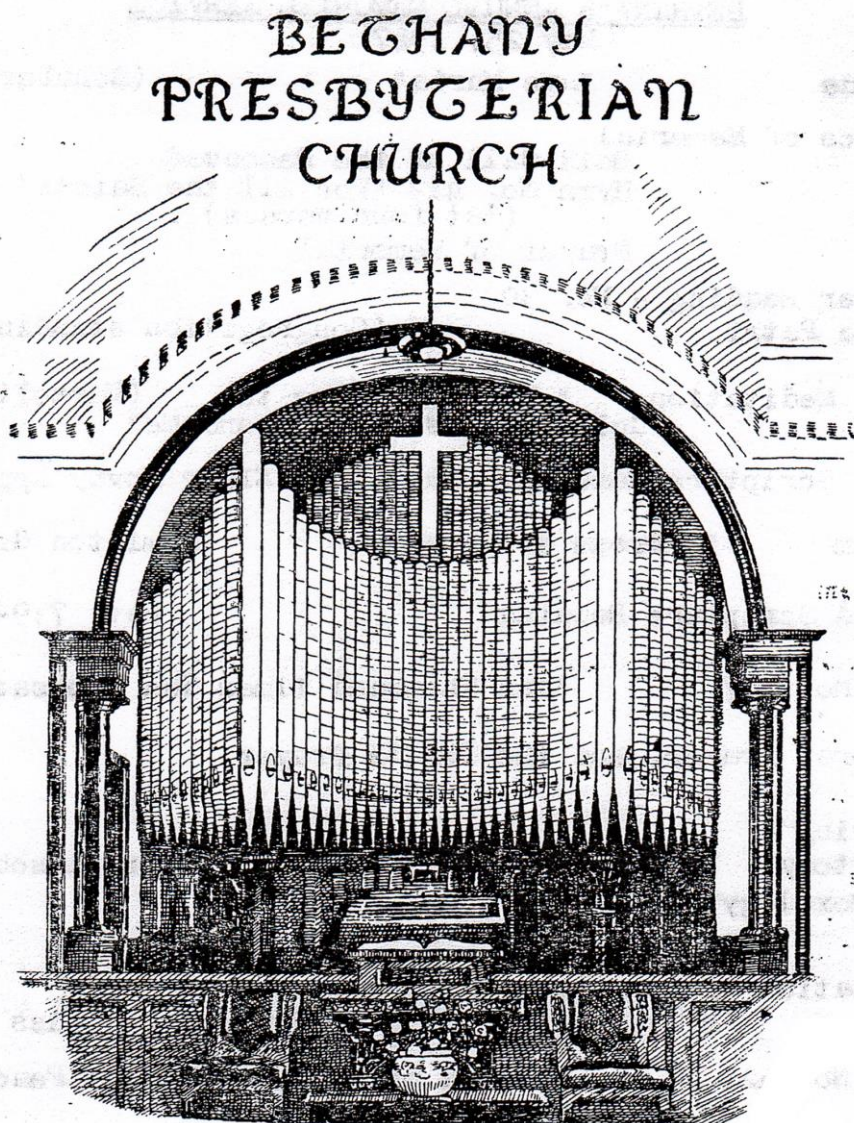
**Congregational Response "Lord Let Us Now Depart in Peace
#609**

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Organists: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

*Jesus nowhere says, "You must be right;"
instead, it is abundantly clear that we are commanded,
"You must love each other."
But oh, dear, how much harder that is!*

Linda Nafziger-Meiser



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

Sunday June 8th
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Pentecost Sunday

Join Us next 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... | |
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| 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 | 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 |
| Barry Ross | |

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.