

**Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA**  
**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025      3rd Sunday of Easter**

**CALL TO WORSHIP\*\***

L: Now is the time to sing! to sing the good news of God:

**P: who awakens us with dawn's embrace, who surrounds us with joy and life.**

L: Now is the time to offer praise to God, in every place, with every voice:

**P: to rejoice in the One who leads us through each moment with a gentle hand and a word of hope.**

L: Now is the time to join all creation in extolling God, from the depths of the sea to the farthest galaxies:

**P: We will sing the good news of Easter!**

**ALL: We will rejoice in the God who loves us.**

**\*HYMN      "Come, Christians Join to Sing"      #108**

**\*CALL TO RECONCILIATION\*\***

L: We can hold on to hurt until our hands begin to cramp, and keep holding. Though they bow our back, we refuse to set our grudges down, because we don't know what it would feel like to have that weight off us. And we think that is the way God operates as well. But God's anger lasts for just a moment, while the grace, the forgiveness, and the hope God offers never goes away. Let us dare to bring our prayers to the One who hears us and heals us, as we pray together, saying,

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

**ALL: Now that Easter is done and gone, Holy One, we no longer hear the special music, but listen to temptation's familiar refrains. We no longer walk those straight paths of joy and wonder, but wander the crooked streets to our old haunts. Rather than living in the newness you bring, we do things the way they have always been done.**

**Fortunately, God of seaside breakfasts, you know the way out of our messy lives, and so take us by the hand to lead us. You wipe our busy schedules off our calendars so we**

**may spend more time with those who need our love and attention. You challenge us to fish from the other side of our worries, so we may pull in all the grace, wonder, and mercy offered to us by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

**\*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*\***

L: Why should we weep? Joy comes to us this morning, and every moment of our lives. The Lamb of God has come, to share mercy and hope with us, so we can praise our God with joyous hearts.

**P: We will lift glad songs of joy, for all the blessings God has given to us. We will offer our hearts and hands in love and serve to others.**

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**

**LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

<b>First Lesson</b>	<b>Acts 9:1-6</b>	<b>p.955</b>
<b>Second Lesson</b>	<b>Revelation 5:11-14</b>	<b>p.1075</b>
<b>Gospel Lesson</b>	<b>John 21:1-19</b>	<b>p.945</b>

**MESSAGE      Randy Knupp**

**\*HYMN      "More Love to Thee"      #363**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH-The Apostles' Creed**

## 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.**

*It is the Lord!*

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**\*HYMN "O Jesus, I Have Promised" #369**

### **\*BENEDICTION/SENDING\*\***

L: Now it is time to get up and go.

**P: We will leave in order to follow God into the world.**

L: Now it is time to enter the brokenness all around us.

**P: We will go to bring the healing and peace of Jesus to all.**

L: Now it is time to bring words of hope and grace to all.

**P The Spirit will give us the words we need in every moment.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Lord, Let Us Now Depart In Peace" #609**

*\*Those who are able please stand.*

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**ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger**

**WORSHIP LEADER: Brenda Molnar**

When Albert Schweitzer would walk up to a patient's bed in his mission hospital, he would take the patient by the hand and say, "I am Albert Schweitzer. Jesus Christ sent me to help you get well."

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Love when you expect no love in return. Do good without expecting thanks. Lend when you do not hope for a return. This will make us act like sons and daughters of the Most High.

.....Henrietta Mears in *Dream Big: The Henrietta Mears Story*



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

**Offering: 04/27**  
**Attendance: 15**  
**Local 585.00**  
**Benev. 40.50**  
**Improv. 34.50**  
**Total 660.00**

**Sunday May 4th**  
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
  
**Sunday May 11th**  
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
**Mother's Day**

**Session** will meet on Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup> after Morning Worship.

**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	Rodney Gramling
Beverly Rager	Randy Maurer
Mikey Ferante	Jim Kuntz
Jill Sheets	Taylor Short
Frank Cassat	John Norris
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

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