



“Reckless Joy”

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10:00AM

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To trust in Jesus
To love like Jesus
To grow in Jesus
To bring others to Jesus

WORSHIP THE LORD

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

"This Is My Father's World"

Traditional English melody; arr. Jason D. Payne; cpr 2013 Lorenz Publishing

WELCOME

Pastor Brian Janssen

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please Stand)*

Ruth Doyle

The Lord is our Shepherd—

We shall not want.

The Lord makes us lie down in green pastures,

He leads us beside still waters, He restores our souls.

Rejoice in the Lord always—again I say, rejoice!

The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything.

Let us come with thanksgiving and praise,

For in Christ, we can do all things through Him who strengthens us.

OPENING PRAYER *(Please Stand)*

Ruth Doyle

HYMN *(Please Stand)*

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

No. 356

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1 I will sing of my Redeemer and his wondrous love to me; on the cruel cross he suffered, from the curse to set me free. Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!
With his blood he purchased me; on the cross he sealed my pardon,
paid the debt, and made me free.

2 I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save, in his boundless love and mercy, he the ransom freely gave. I will praise my dear Redeemer,
his triumphant power I'll tell: how the victory he gives me over sin and death and hell.

3 I will sing of my Redeemer and his heavenly love for me; he from death to life has brought me, Son of God, with him to be. Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!
With his blood he purchased me; on the cross he sealed my pardon,
paid the debt, and made me free.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Ruth Doyle

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ruth Doyle

O Christ, we confess that we, too, make light of your invitation. We are reluctant to come when the feast is made ready. Our time is committed; business is pressing. We are afraid we will be with the wrong people. At times dissension hinders our response. We are not at peace with those likewise invited. We are in need of forgiveness to heal our divisions, and a measure of mercy to partake of your grace. *Silent Confession*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ruth Doyle

Scripture reminds us that the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Jesus has taught that he is the bread of life. Whoever lives and believes in Jesus Christ as the bread of life has eternal life. Therein abides our assurance of pardon and renewal. **Praise God! Amen.**

RESPONSE *(Please Stand)*

“Gloria Patri”

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Ruth Doyle

Since God has forgiven us in Christ. Let us be at peace with one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all...**and also with you.**
The kids can come forward for the Children’s Sermon as you all take a moment to share the peace of Christ with those around you.

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Debby Hayes

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Ruth Doyle

FIRST READING

Psalm 23

Ruth Doyle

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:1-13

Pastor Brian Janssen

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in

Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you. I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me but had no opportunity to show it. Not that I am referring to being in need, for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Reckless Joy"

Pastor Brian Janssen

WE RESPOND

APOSTLES' CREED (*Please Stand*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell, the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

"His Eye Is On The Sparrow" Vocalists: Jackie Nixon

and Carrie Emerson

music by Charles Hutchinson Gabriel; words by Civilla Durfee Martin

THE RESPONSE (*Please Stand*)

"Doxology"

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen.

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Please Stand*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Holy God, we praise You. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless You for creating the whole world, for Your promises to Your people Israel, and for Jesus Christ in whom Your fulness dwells. Born of Mary, He shares our life.

People: Eating with sinners, He welcomes us.

Leader: Guiding His children, He leads us.

People: Visiting the sick, He heals us.

Leader: Dying on the cross, He saves us.

People: Risen from the dead, He gives new life.

Leader: Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name.

SANCTUS *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.*

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. 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 - People may now come forward.

Communion servers will serve from the front of the church and each row will be invited to come forward to receive the bread and cup. For those who are unable to come forward, communion will be still be offered to you at your seat after the standing participants are done.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE ARE SENT

HYMN (*Please Stand*)

“Oh Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

No. 446

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1 O love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, That in thine ocean depths its flow May richer, fuller be.

2 O Light that follows all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee; My heart restores its
borrowed ray, That in thy sunshine's blaze its day May brighter, fairer be.

3 O Joy that seekest me thru' pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow
thru' the rain And feel the promise is not vain That morn shall tearless be.

4 O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glory
dead, And from the ground there blossoms red Life that shall endless be.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Brian Janssen

POSTLUDE

A promotional banner for Bethany Preschool. The left side features a photograph of a classroom with a teacher and children. The right side has a red background with white and yellow text. Two circular inset photos show children playing. The text reads: 'BETHANY PRESCHOOL', 'ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN', 'FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR', and 'Our experienced teachers and engaging curriculum offer children the opportunity to learn and grow in a safe, nurturing environment.'

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**Don't forget to sign up for Preschool for the
upcoming school year! We are so excited for the
new year to start!**

WELCOME TO BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are delighted to have you in worship with us this morning!

FOR OUR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN - A Nursery Room is across the hall from the pulpit side of the Sanctuary. It is equipped with a speaker system from the sanctuary so any parent(s) who wishes to stay with their child(ren) in the nursery can hear the worship service. **A Cry Room** is at the rear of the Sanctuary – entry is through a door in the Narthex near the usher's table. *We encourage you to use these rooms as needed.* **Worship Bags** are available for children to use during the worship service. The bags can be found at the Usher's Desk. **Sound amplification devices** are available to those who might need or want to use them. Our ushers are available to help with any needs that you have during worship.

NEWS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

August 5th is Pastor Brian's Birthday! Cupcakes are in the Welcome Center to celebrate!

PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS

DAY AT THE LAKE - Join us again for the annual “**Day at the Lake**” scheduled for **Saturday, August 23rd from 11am-3pm** at the North Shore Beach at Moraine State Park! Sail boat rides, beach fun, and hotdogs and a great day out experiencing the park and the beach with free sail boat lessons as well! Contact Bill Paviol 412-722-3102 with any questions!

CHURCH PICNIC - Come enjoy our Church Picnic! We will have our 10:00am church service on Sunday, August 17th at Fairview Park at the Rotary Pavilion followed by crafts and games and a **BAKE OFF!** Sign up for the BAKE OFF in the Welcome Center!

MISSION NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

MISSION TRIP TO SUMMERSVILLE, WV. Aug 10 – 16. Are you interested in going on a mission trip but didn't want to travel too far, well then this might just be the trip for you! The Summersville, WV trip 2025 with West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy Workcamps, Inc. will be from August 10th through the 16th. The cost for the trip is \$300.00 for the week per person, or \$63.50 per day if you would like a shorter week. Checks should be made out to Bethany Church and have Summersville, WV, in the memo line. Summersville Presbyterian Church, located at 427 Water Street, Summersville, WV, will provide housing accommodations for the week. There are rooms for sleeping, showers and the church also has a large kitchen and dining area. The Mission Team will provide the funds for the food. This Summersville trip is the perfect mission trip for anyone 14 and older who are not comfortable with traveling too far.

This is a wonderful way to help others in need that is also fairly close to home. Projects vary from decks, to roofing, inside walls or bathrooms etc. We hope you will consider joining us this summer on our trip to Summersville. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to either Dave Colton, Tim Nagy, Mike or Connie Segeleon.

CHURCH FINANCES AS OF JULY 27, 2025

Thank you for your continued support.

	2025 YTD (\$)	2024 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 309,488	\$ 308,828	\$ 660
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	216,423	196,375	20,048
Investment Income **	8,124	30,718	(22,593)
Total General Fund Income	\$ 534,035	\$ 535,921	\$ (1,886)
Year to Date Budget	539,976		
+/- Budget	\$ (5,941)		

*For purposes of this report, any prepaid pledges have been spread over 52 weeks.

** Investment income is updated monthly upon receipt of investment statements.

A friendly reminder from the Stewardship team, please write the amount of your giving on the outside of the envelope when turning in your offering. This helps make the job of those counting much easier.



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“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.” 2nd
Corinthians 9:8 reminds us of God’s abundance and overflowing provision. As we give generously and serve faithfully, we can trust in His promise to supply us with everything we need to carry out His work. Let us use His blessings to glorify Him!

AUGUST SPECIAL OFFERING - Disaster Relief Fund

The special offering envelope for August supports the Disaster Relief Fund administered through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program. Online giver? Not receiving envelopes? You can still donate to this special offering either by selecting "Disaster Relief Fund" in the online giving portal or noting that your donation is for the Disaster Relief Fund on your check or a pew envelope. Thank you for your contribution to the Disaster Relief Fund.

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, August 3
COMMUNION SUNDAY
8:15AM and 10:00AM – Worship

Monday, August 4
6:30PM - Body Carpenter Workout
6:30PM - Men’s Huddle

Tuesday, August 5
7:00PM – ALANON

Wednesday, August 6
10:00AM – Fellowship of Prayer
11:30AM – Knitters

12:30PM - AIU Preschool

Thursday, August 7
9:00AM – Quilters
12:00PM – Rotary
6:30PM - Bloom
7:30PM - AA

Friday, August 8

Saturday, August 9
11AM - Knitters

Sunday, August 10
8:15AM and 10:00AM – Worship