

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Rev. Dr. R.W. Williams

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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 and ever. Amen.

Sermon

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***Closing Hymn** #122 Thine Is the Glory

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction Kyrie Eleison ("Lord Have Mercy")

Postlude *Hallelujah Chorus...*

G.F. Handel



If you purchased a lily to take home, please take it today.

Thank you to the nominating committee for providing us with this morning's coffee hour/fellowship time

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April 20, 2025

10:30am

WELCOME: WELCOME TO EASTER SUNDAY WITH JOHNSTOWN FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. WELCOME TO ALL JOINING US HERE AND ON YOUTUBE. WE WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT YOU ALWAYS HAVE A PLACE HERE.

Thomas Ruehle

Mission of the Month

Heifer International

Prelude *Old Rugged Cross...*

arr. by Mark Hayes

Belinda Vair/Accompanist-Choir Director

Choral Introit

Call To Worship

Walter Lane

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Let Israel say,

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Let the house of Aaron say,

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Let all who fear the Lord say,

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

All: Let us worship the risen God!

(PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT)

***Opening Hymn** #123 *JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY*

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Death is overcome. Evil is thwarted. Let us confess the sin we carry that we may receive new life in Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: On this bright and joyful day, we bring our whole selves to you, great God, honestly naming the truth about our lives. We are sinking under piles of shame, judgment, and self-pity, feeling closer to hell than heaven. Christ, rend our veil of tears. Restore us. Renew us. Revive us. In the name of the risen Christ we pray.

Leader: Let us take a moment for silent confession and personal reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! The Lord is alive! The risen Lord destroys death, conquers sin, and wipes away all shame. We are drenched in radiating mystery: God is with us. Receive the wonderful news: You are made alive in Christ. In Jesus Christ you are restored.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Gloria Patri**

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.

Special Music *An Easter Hallelujah....*

L. Cohen

Sung by: Laura Ruehle & Helen Thompson

Prayer of Illumination (unison)

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity. Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit, that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Job 19:23-29 (Pew Bible Page #468)

Like 24:1-12 (Pew Bible Page # 90)

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God. And we all say:

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Hallelujah Resurrection Day....*

L Shackley