

**Anthem** *Peace Like A River....*

arr. by Donald Moore

**Sermon**

Thomas Ruehle

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**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.**

**\*Closing Hymn #467** *How Great Thou Art*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

As you leave this sanctuary today, carry the love of Christ with you. Share His light in your communities, speak words of kindness, and extend grace to those around you. Go forth and be living witnesses to the hope we have in Jesus."

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, now and forevermore. Amen."

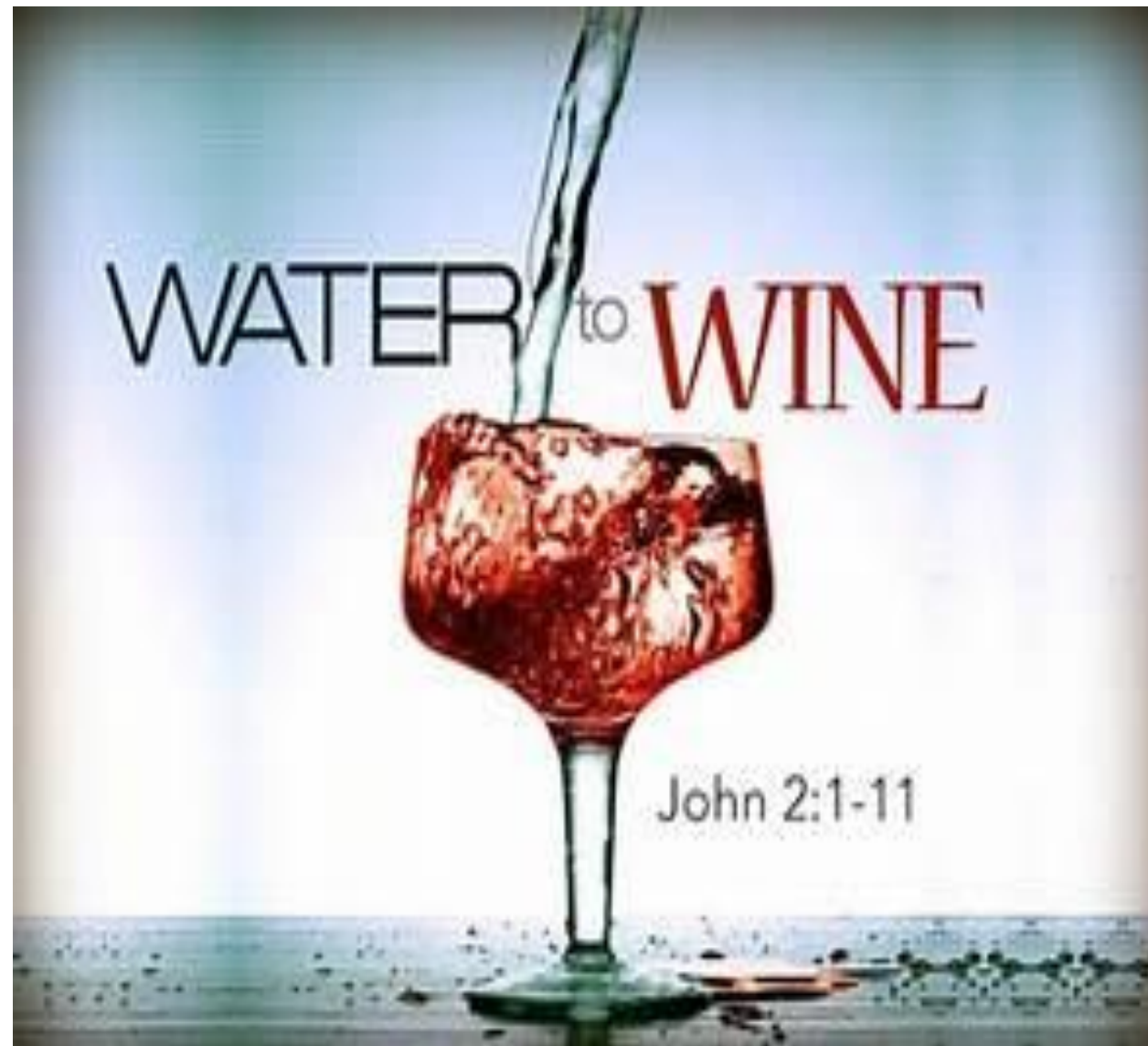
**Choral Benediction**

**Postlude** *Voluntary in a minor...*

John James

Belinda Vair – Accompanist/Choir Director

*Thank you to Worship & Music  
for providing us with this morning's coffee hour/fellowship time*



**January 19, 2025**

**10:30am**

**WELCOME TO THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY WITH JOHNSTOWN FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. WELCOME TO ALL JOINING US HERE AND ON YOU TUBE  
THOMAS RUEHLE**

## Mission of the Month

Doctor's Without Borders

### Prelude

*In The Garden....*

arr. by James Koerts

Belinda Vair – Accompanist/Choir Director

### Choral Introit

### Call To Worship

Thomas Ruehle

Leader: God of the feast, God of abundance,

**People: you are always turning water into fine wine.**

Leader: Though the wine has run out,

**People: you work miracles among us.**

Leader: Though the work feels impossible,

**People: you accomplish wonders through us.**

Leader: Though many fail to perceive it,

**People: you reveal your glory among us.**

Leader: Help us to receive your good gifts this day,

**People: that we might learn to put our faith in you. Amen.**

### Opening Hymn *The Old Rugged Cross* (see insert)

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

THOMAS RUEHLE

Leader: Who among us has not been enticed and led astray by idols? All of us come with need to confess. Let us do so with trust in God's endless desire to forgive.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Thomas Ruehle

Leader: Loving Lord, we long to be your faithful people, but our good intentions run out and we come up empty. For all the ways we fall short in our sins, forgive us, Gracious One.

**People: Change us—like water into wine—to become what the world lacks, that our community, our nation, our church, and all creation may know your justice and love.**

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

## Assurance of Pardon

Thomas Ruehle

Leader: God has lifted you up from all that has pushed you down. Gone are old names of derision: Forsaken, Desolate, Loser, Nobody. Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, God calls you by new names: Wise, Knowing, Faithful, Healer, Prophet, Mystic. Hear, believe, and trust your new name:

**People: In Jesus Christ, my name is Forgiven.**

### \*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.**

### Prayer of Dedication

Thomas Ruehle

Leader: Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Scripture Readings

Walter Lane

**1 Corinthians 12:1-11** Each of us has gifts from the Spirit, given for the common good. (Pew Bible Page #174)

**John 2:1-11** At a wedding feast in Cana, Jesus turns water into fine wine. (Pew Bible Page #93)

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

**People: Thanks be to God**

## The Old Rugged Cross

from [www.traditionalmusic.co.uk](http://www.traditionalmusic.co.uk)

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

### Chorus

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary.

### Chorus

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
A wondrous beauty I see,  
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,  
To pardon and sanctify me.

### Chorus

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,  
Where His glory forever I'll share.

### Chorus

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.