Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer The Rev. Dr. R.W. Williams 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.

# **Pastoral Prayer Sermon**

\*Closing Hymn #261 God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

\*Charge and Benediction

**Postlude** Light of the Living God

David Payton

Belinda Vair – Accompanist/Choir Director

Thank you to The Deacon's for providing us with this morning's coffee hour/birthday celebration

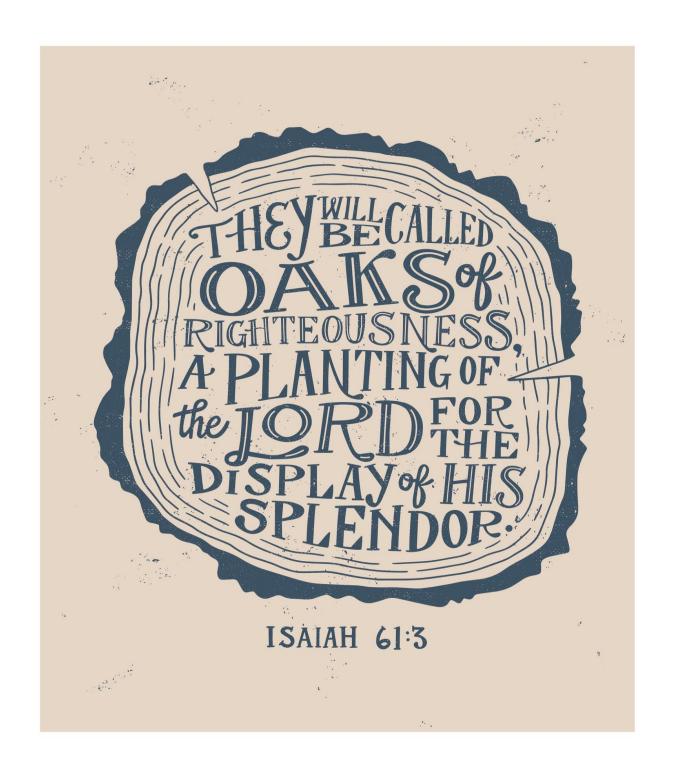
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If you would like to assist with the worship service, please sign up on the sheets in the back of the sanctuary, or let Laura/Helen know. You can call the office Monday's & Thursday's and we can go over the bulletin together. Thank You. Dawn

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July 27, 2025 10:30am

WELCOME: TO THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, WITH JOHNSTOWN FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. WELCOME TO ALL JOINING US HERE AND ON YOUTUBE. PLEASE REMEMBER TO SHARE THE SERVICE WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY. WE WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT YOU ALWAYS HAVE A PLACE HERE.

LAURA RUEHLE

**Mission of the Month** 

Free Lunch Program

<u>Prelude</u> Precious Lord, Take My Hand arr. by James Koerts Belinda Vair-Accompanist/Choir Director

## **Choral Introit**

Call To Worship

Laura Ruehle

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of our life; of whom shall we be afraid?

Leader: We seek your face, O Lord. Do not hide your face from us!

People: Do not forsake us, O God of our salvation!
Leader: Make us strong, and let our hearts take courage.
People: We wait for the Lord. Let us worship God!

#### (PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT)

\*Opening Hymn #262 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

Prayer of Confession Laura Ruehle

Leader: Loving God, you have formed a covenant with us, committing yourself to us and inviting us to walk with you. Yet we have resisted, seeking other companions, going in different ways, thinking that we know best. Now we find ourselves far from life, further still from you.

People: Have mercy on our waywardness. Help us find our way back. Give us faith so that we can hold the hand you have extended to us in Jesus Christ.

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

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: From generation to generation, God's love overcomes human sinfulness. God is committed to fresh starts and new creations. This is good news!

People: In Jesus Christ we are 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 for Illumination**

Helen Thompson

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. **Amen.** 

#### **Scripture Readings**

(Old Testament) Isaiah 61:1-3 (Pew Bible Page #**691**) (New Testament) 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13 (Pew Bible Page #**203**)

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

People: Thanks be to God

#### **Anthem**

**Deacon's Birthday Celebration** 

Helen Thompson

# **Sharing of Joys and Concerns**