

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer, Pastoral 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 "Stepping out in Faith"

Pastor Ken

*Closing Hymn *We Are One In The Spirit* (see insert)

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude *Toccata in d minor*

JS Bach

Belinda Vair Accompanist/Choir Director



Barbara Taylor has placed flowers in the Sanctuary, "To the Glory of God" and "The Hard Work the PNC Committee has done for this church.

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

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October 26, 2025

10:30am

WELCOME: TO 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. INTRODUCING PASTOR KEN KILLIAN.

CRAIG TALARICO

Mission of the Month Salvation Army of Upstate New York

Prelude *Traumerei (Daydreaming)*

Robert Schumann

Belinda Vair Accompanist/Choir Director

Choral Introit

Call To Worship

Pastor Ken Killian

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O God — not just in buildings we’ve made, but wherever love and justice take root.

People: Our souls long for you, our hearts sing with joy in your grace.

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest — so may all find refuge here: the weary, the wandering, the wounded.

People: Blessed are those who draw strength from you, whose hearts are set on the journey.

Leader: Though we walk through valleys of sorrow, you turn them into springs —renewing us with courage, watering seeds of compassion.

People: We come, trusting you go before us, welcoming us into your house of mercy.

All: Let us worship God —our shelter, our strength, our joy along the way.

(PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT)

***Opening Hymn** #207 *How Lovely, Lord*

Call to Confession

God promises mercy for all those who repent. Trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Merciful God, we confess that too often we come before you like the Pharisee in Jesus’ story — sure of our own faithfulness, content with what we’ve always done, and blind to how your Spirit is calling us to grow.

People: We have become comfortable, Lord. We’ve measured our faith by our habits instead of our love for others. We’ve looked inward when you’ve called us to reach outward. We’ve whispered prayers of gratitude for what we have, while ignoring those who have so little.

Forgive us, God. Have mercy on us, as you had mercy on the tax collector who came before you in humility and truth. Open our eyes, soften our hearts, and give us the courage to step out of our comfort zones and into the work of your kingdom.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear the good news: Jesus tells us that the one who humbles themselves before God will be lifted up. When we come honestly, when we bring our whole selves — our pride, our weariness, our hope — God meets us with grace.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, freed from fear, and called to begin again.

***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

Gracious God, As we turn to your Word, quiet the noise around us and within us. Open our hearts to hear what you are saying — not just to our minds, but to our lives. Speak through scripture, through silence, through one another, and help us listen with courage and hope. Amen.

Dreamcatchers

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Wings of a Dove

Richard Mullins & Jack Richards

Bob Ferguson

Scripture Reading

Craig Talarico

Psalms 84:1-7 (Pew Bible Page #543)

Luke 18:9-14 (Pew Bible Page #81))

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

I’m Bound For Glory

Sally Albrecht & Jay Althouse

Deacon’s Birthday Celebration

Helen Thompson

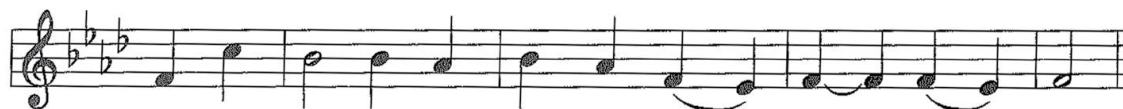
2223 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



1. We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side,
4. All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je-sus, God's on-ly Son,

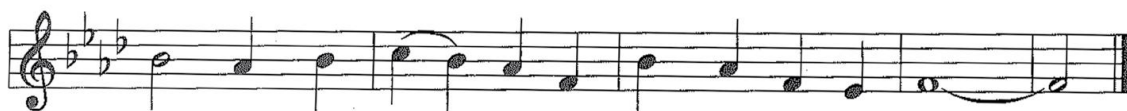


and we pray that all u-ni-ty may one day be re-stored:
and to-geth-er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu-man dig-ni-ty and save hu-man pride:
and all praise to the Spir-it, who makes us one:

Refrain



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love. _____